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CYBORG 009

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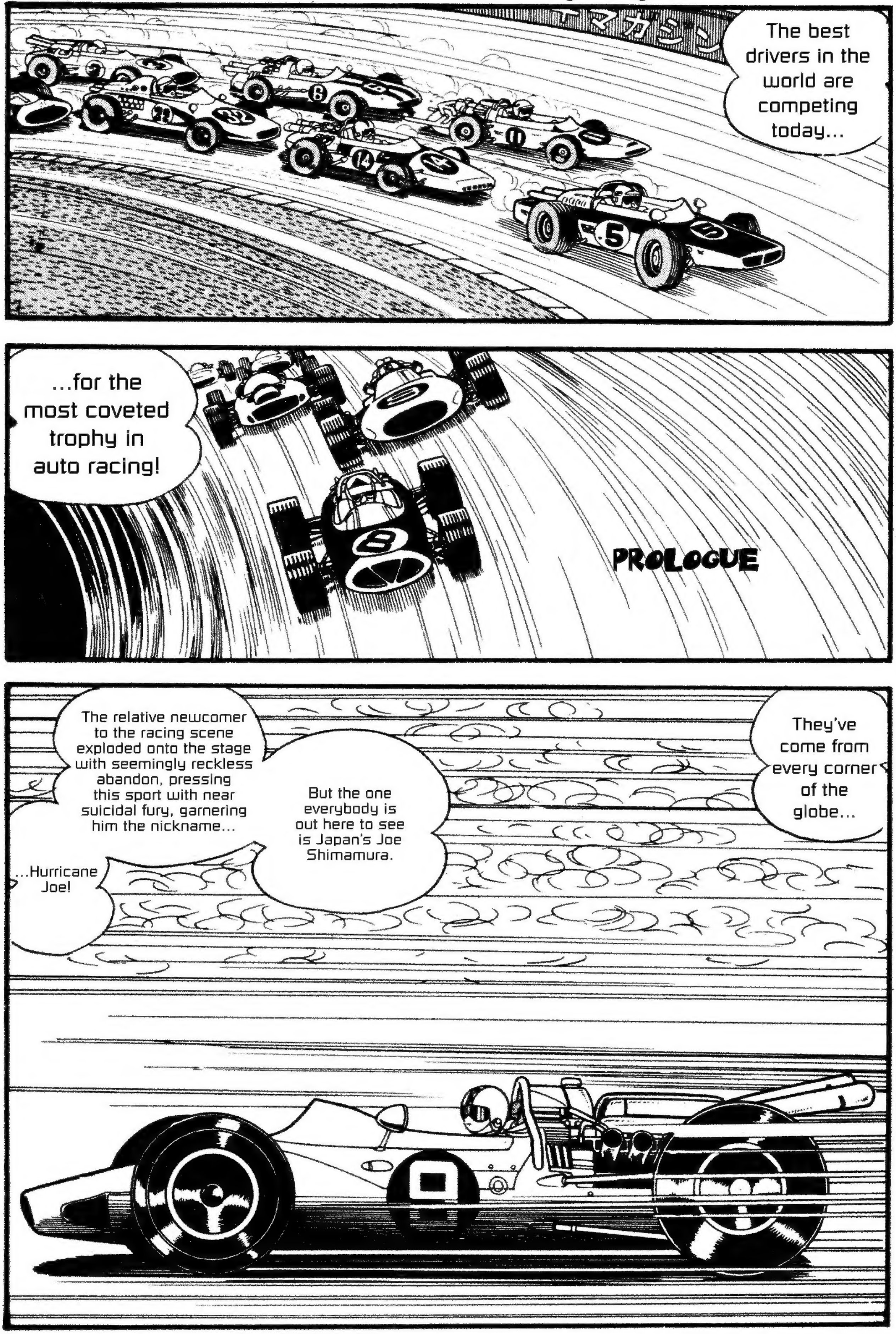
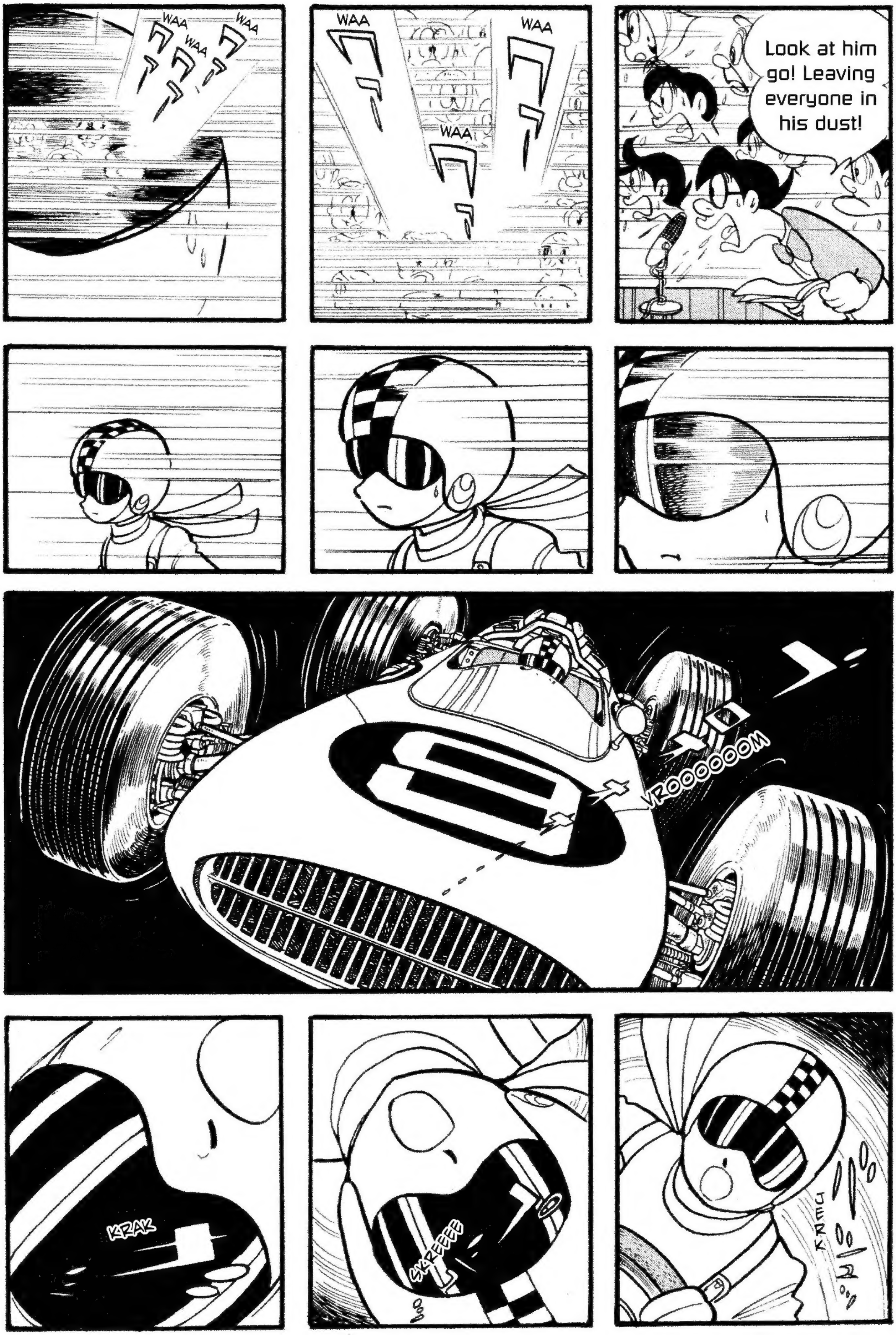
Sign: Magazine


The best drivers in the world are competing today...
...for the most coveted trophy in auto racing!
PROLOGUE
They've come from every corner of the globe...
But the one everybody is out here to see is Japan's Joe Shimamura.
The relative newcomer to the racing scene exploded onto the stage with seemingly reckless abandon, pressing this sport with near suicidal fury, garnering him the nickname...
...Hurricane Joe!


Look at him go! Leaving everyone in his dust!
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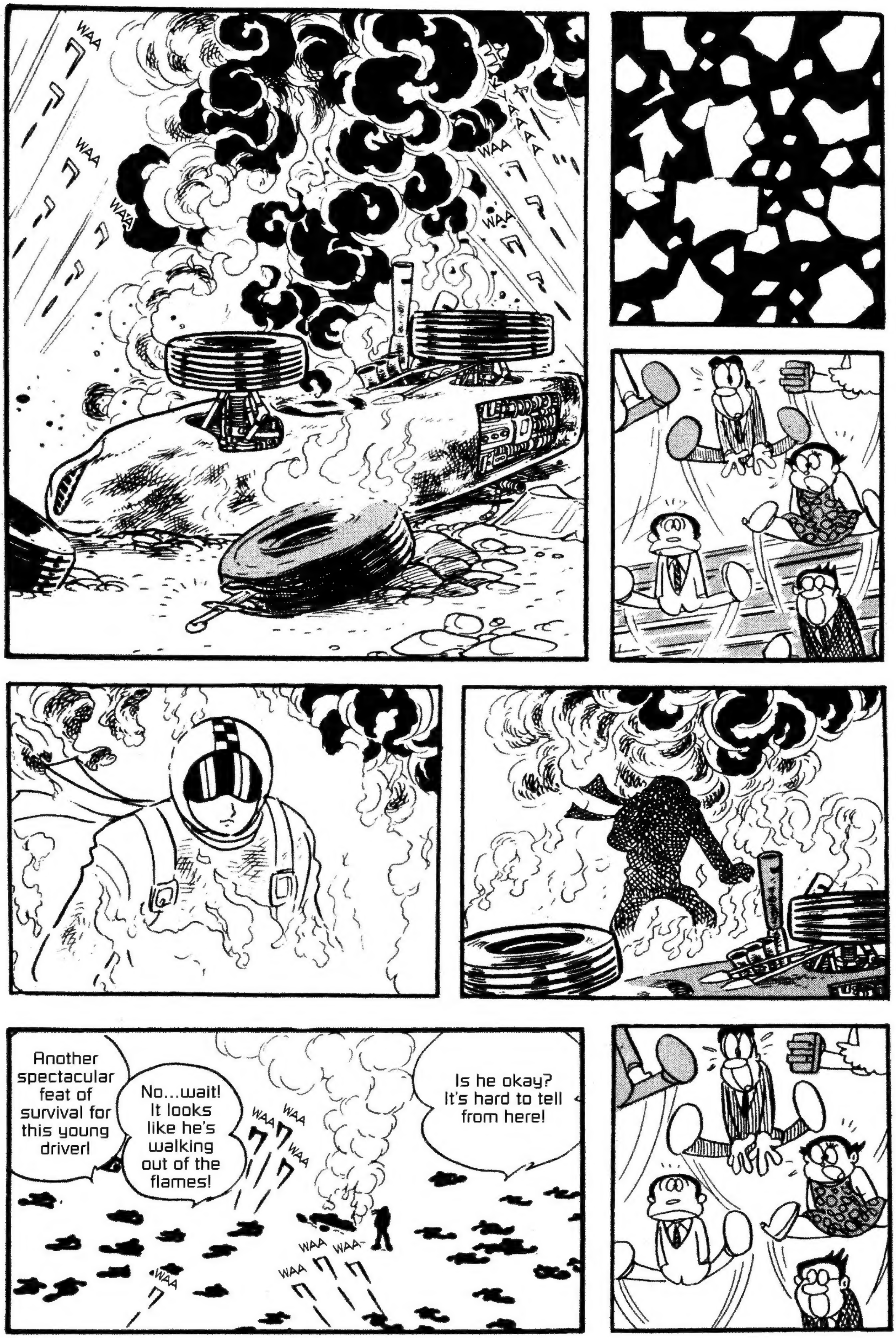
VROOOOOOM
JERK
SKREEEE
KRAK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Is he okay? It's hard to tell from here!
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No...wait! It looks like he's walking out of the flames!
Another spectacular feat of survival for this young driver!
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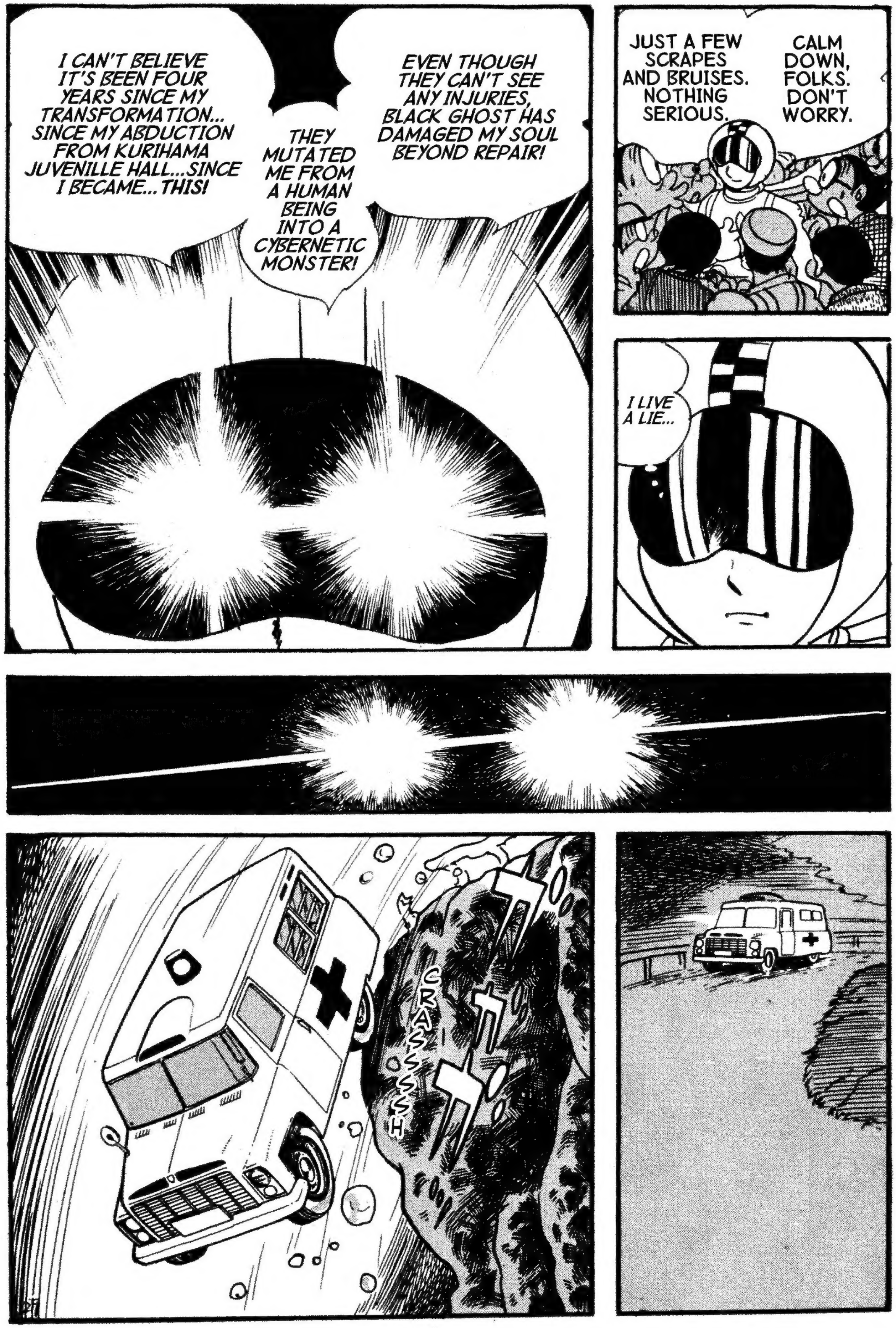
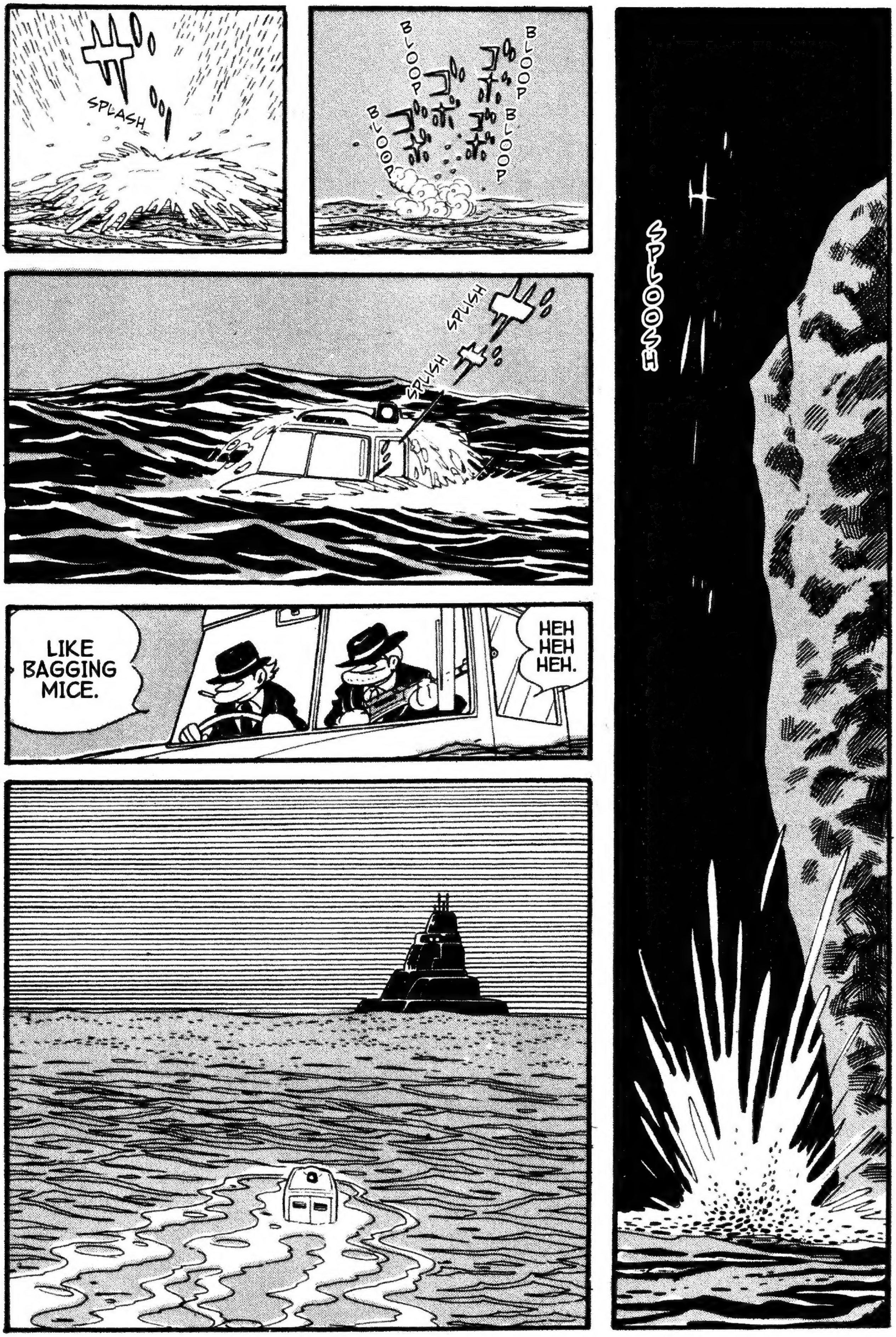
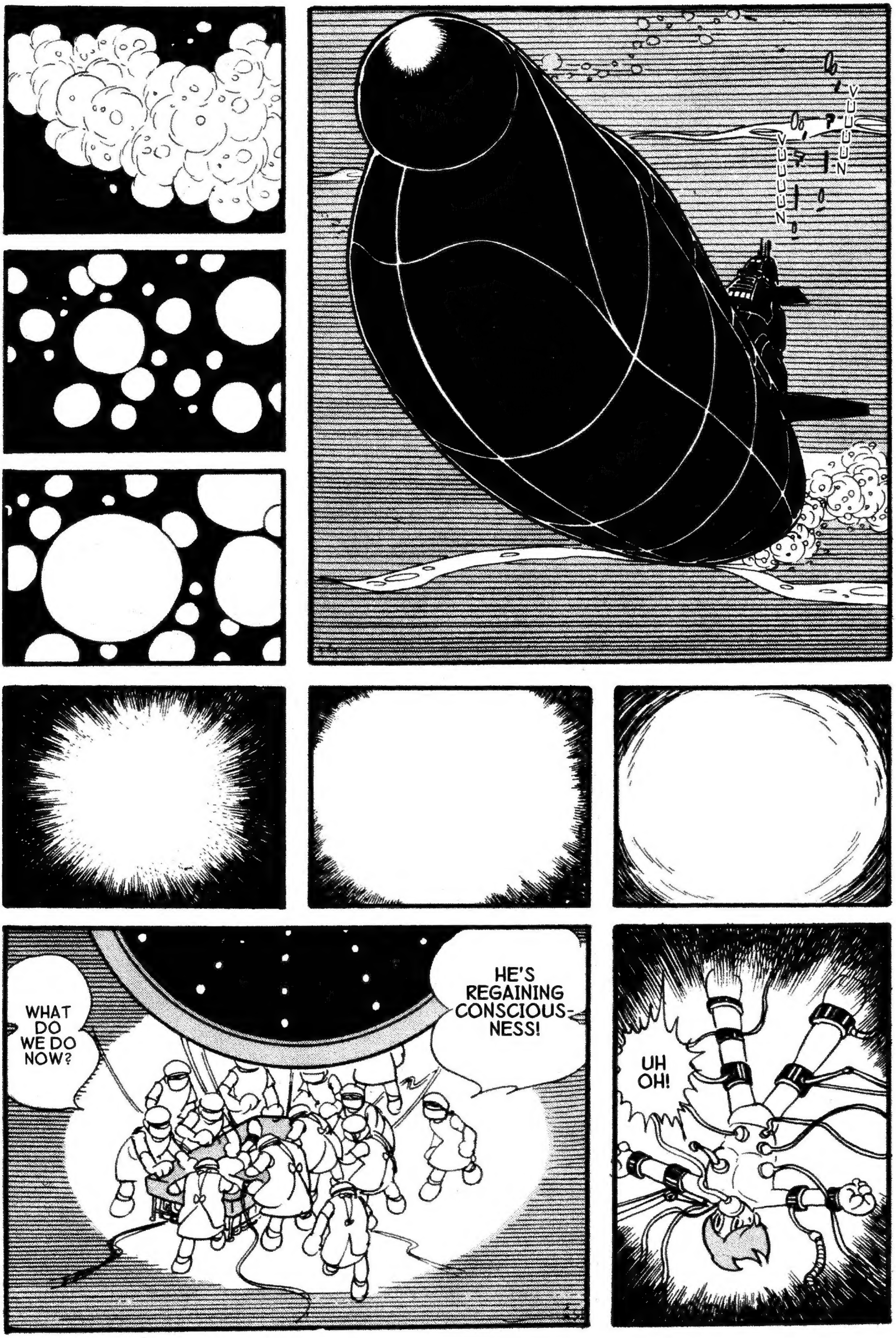
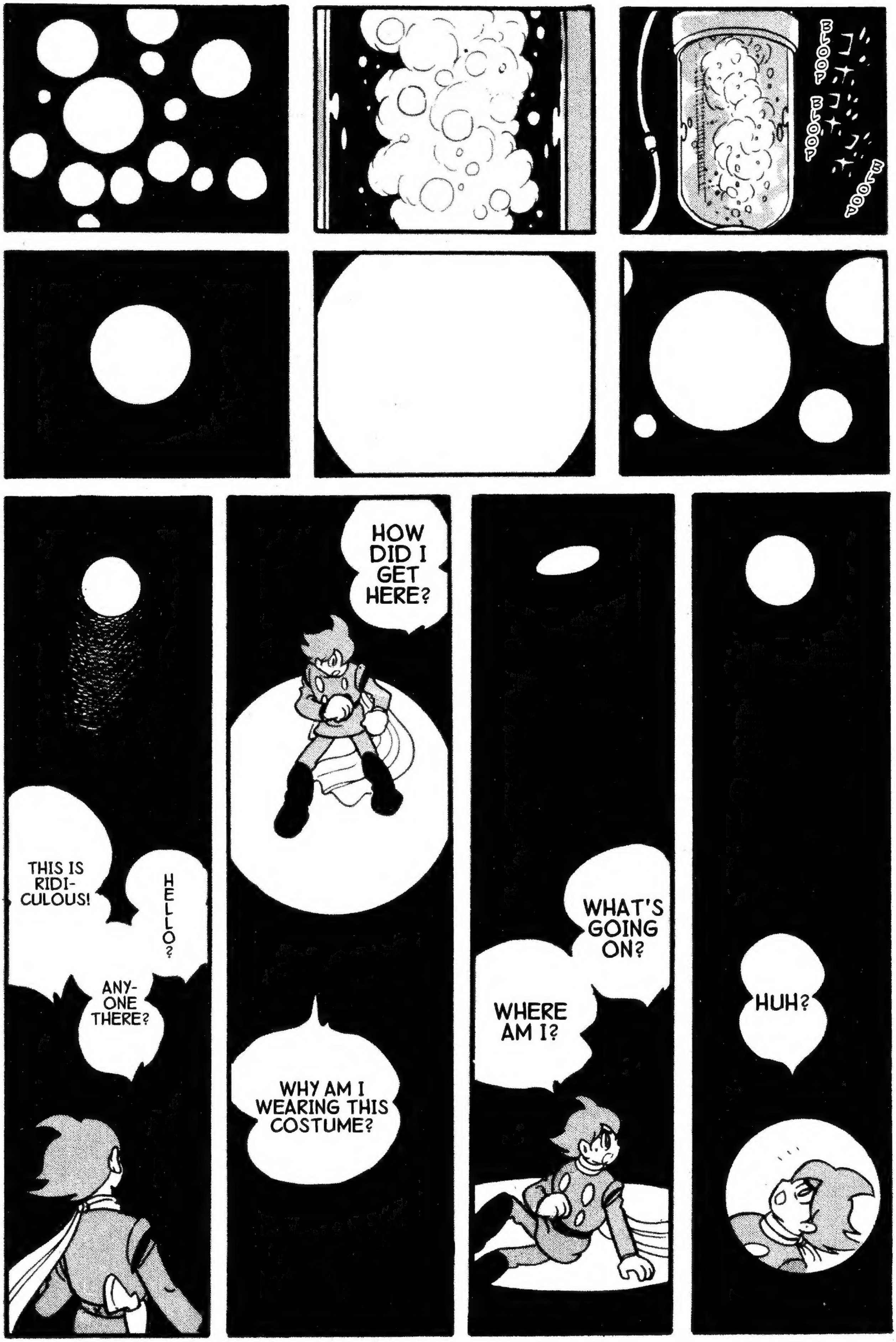
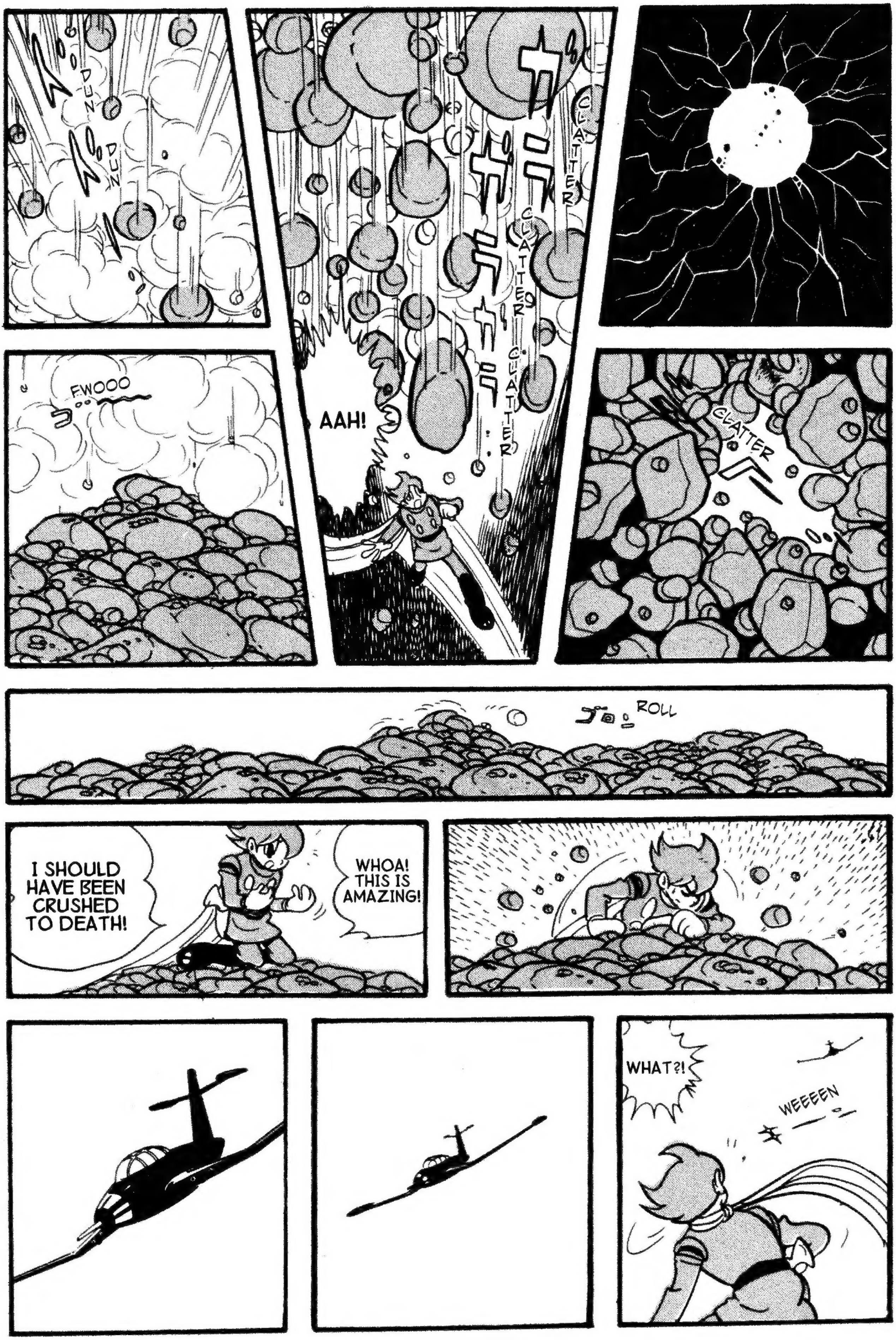

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S BEEN FOUR YEARS SINCE MY TRANSFORMATION... SINCE MY ABDUCTION FROM KURIHAMA JUVENILLE HALL...SINCE I BECAME...THIS!
THEY MUTATED ME FROM A HUMAN BEING INTO A CYBERNETIC MONSTER!
EVEN THOUGH THEY CAN'T SEE ANY INJURIES, BLACK GHOST HAS DAMAGED MY SOUL BEYOND REPAIR!
CALM DOWN, FOLKS. DON'T WORRY.
JUST A FEW SCRAPES AND BRUISES. NOTHING SERIOUS.
I LIVE A LIE...
CRASSSSSH

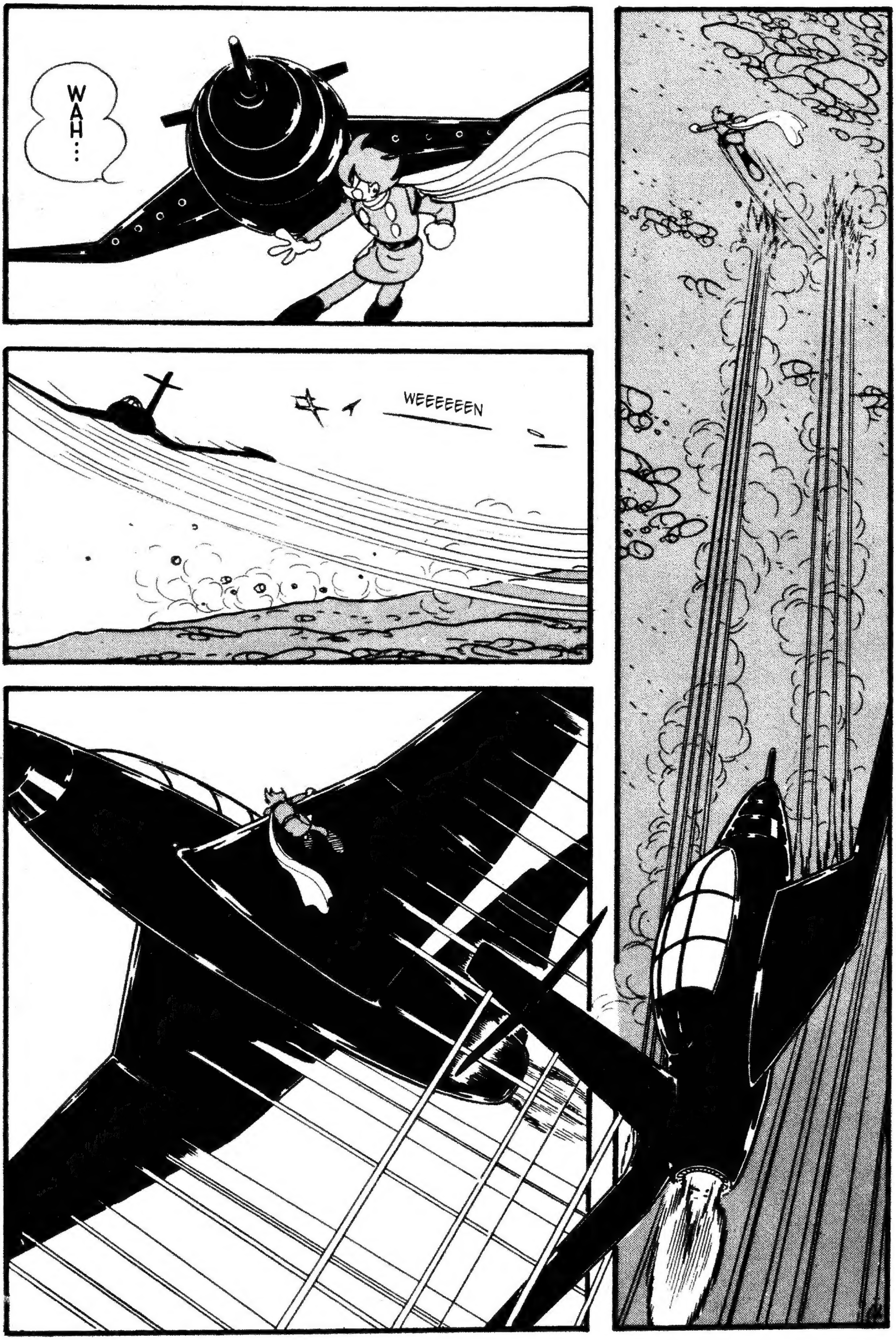

SPLASH
BLOOP BLOOP BLOOP BLOOP
SPLOOSH
SPLISH SPLISH
LIKE BAGGING MICE.
HEH HEH HEH.

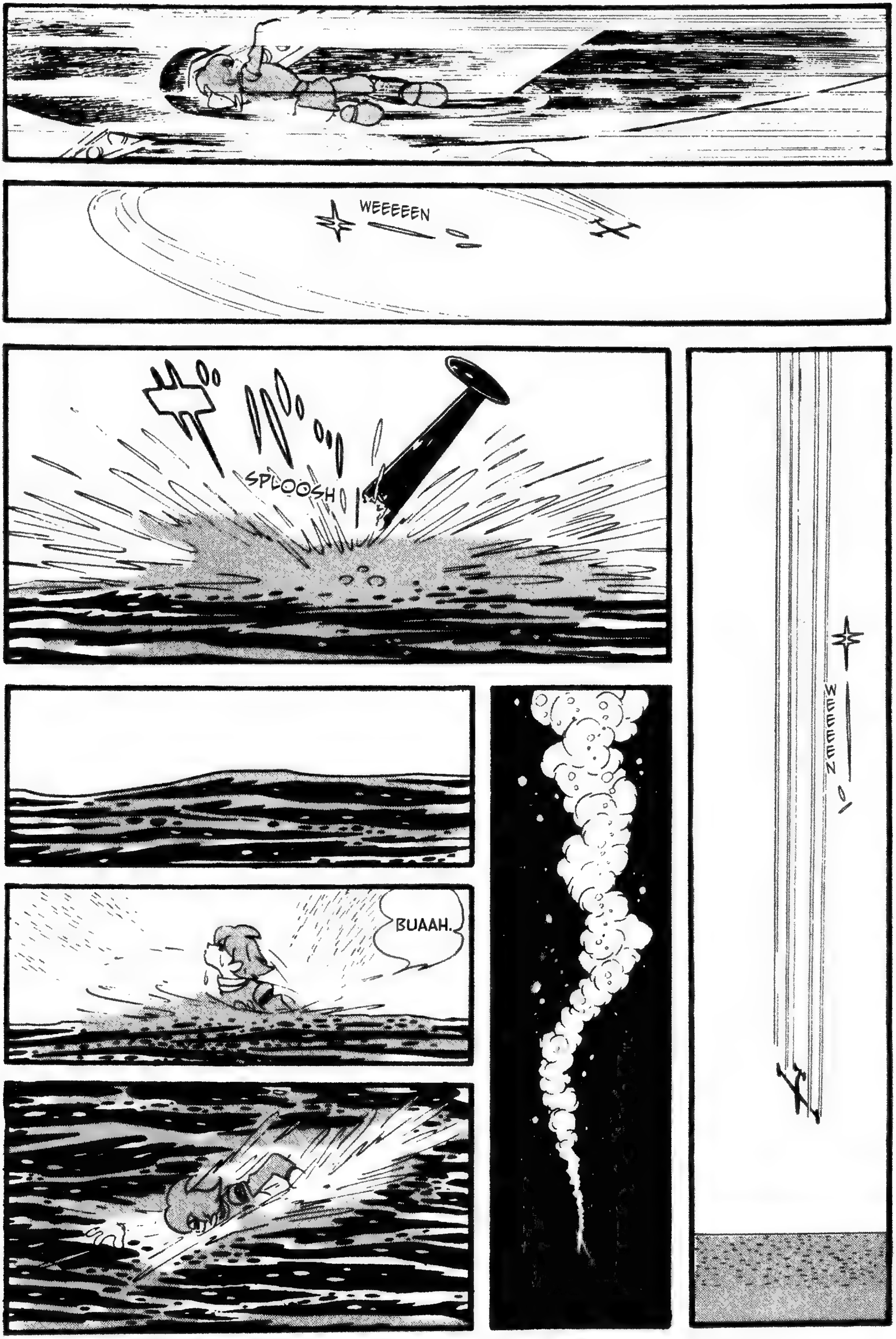

VUUUUN
VUUUUUN
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
HE'S REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS!
UH OH!

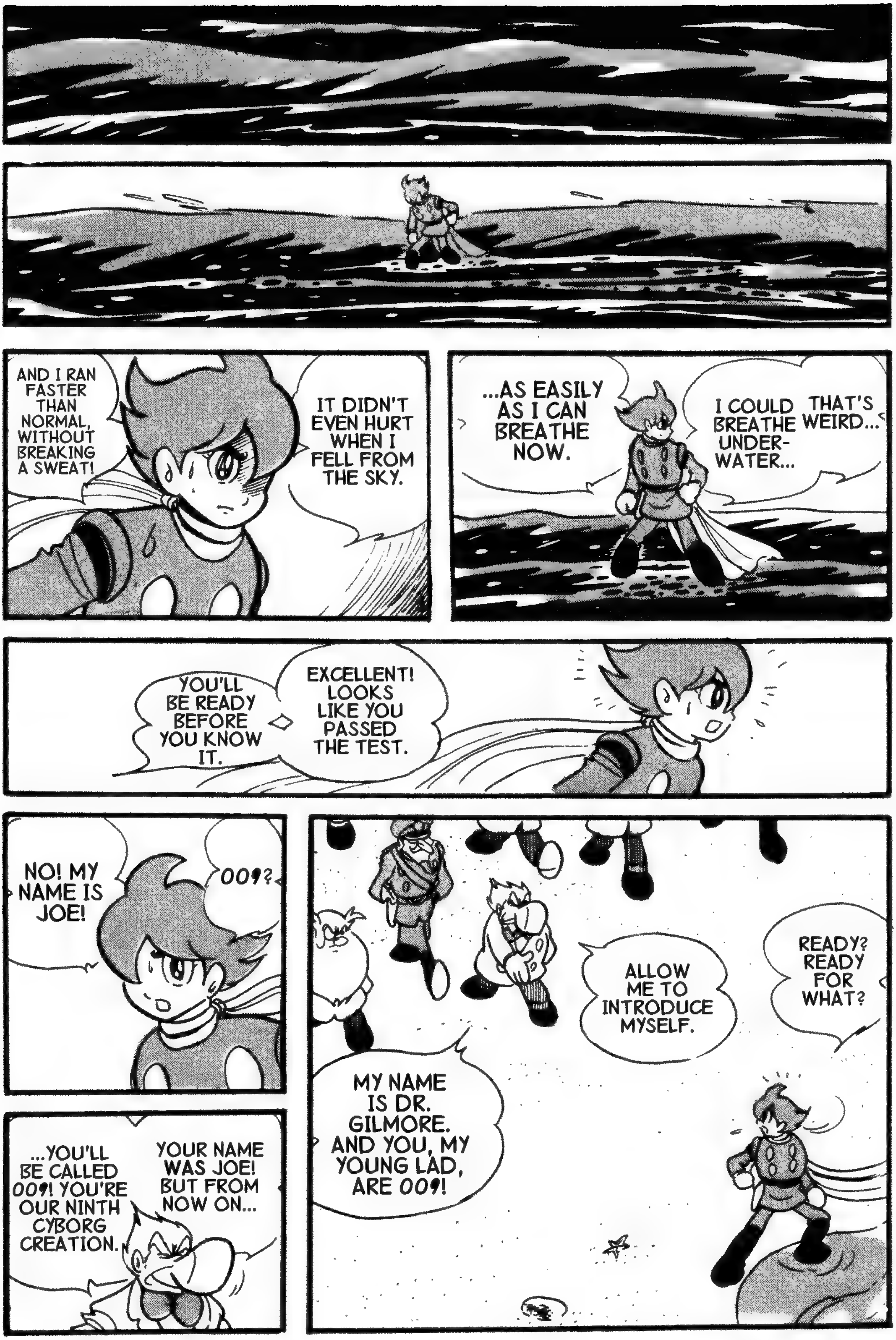


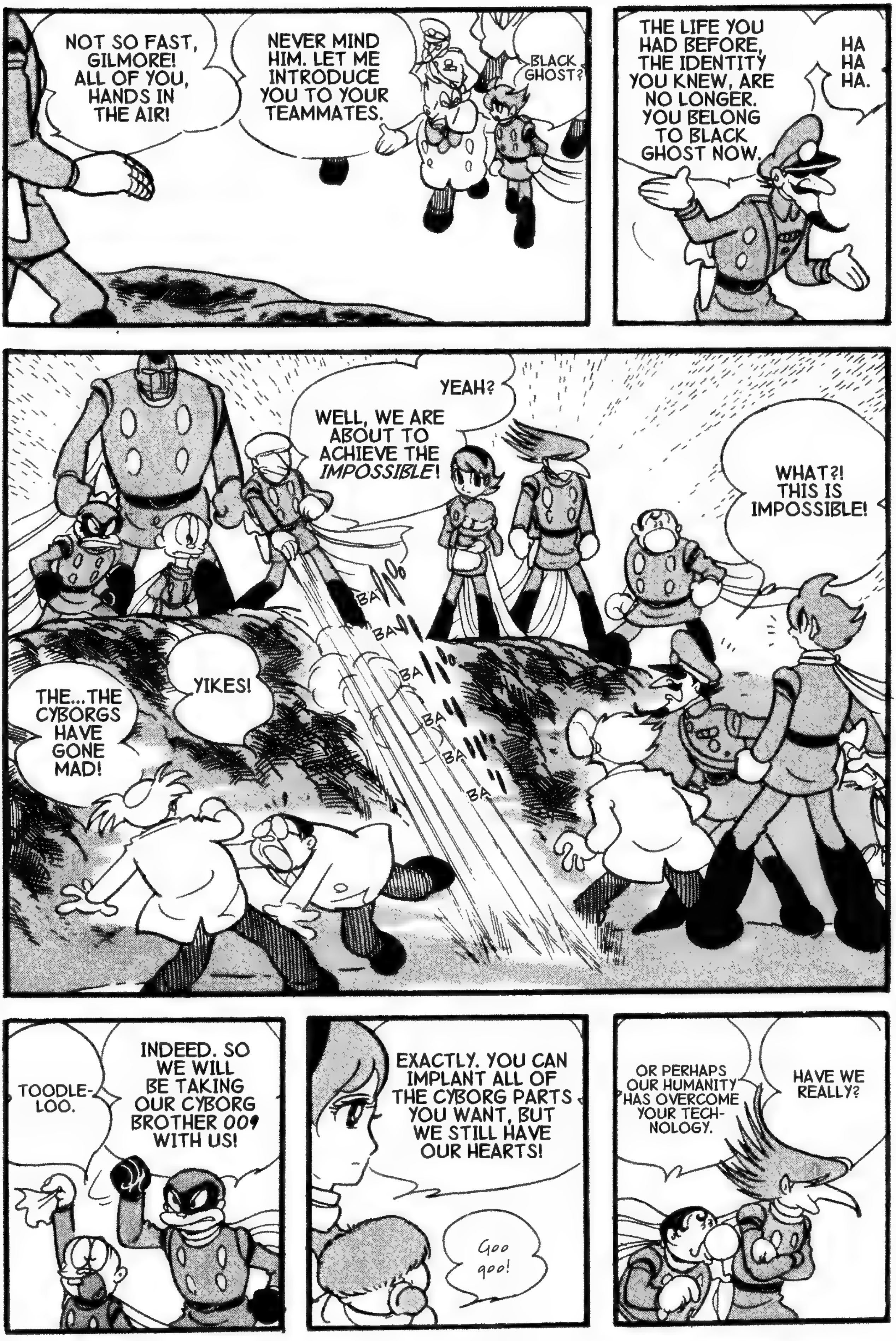
BLOOP
BLOOP
BLOOP
THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
HELLO?
ANYONE THERE?
HOW DID I GET HERE?
WHY AM I WEARING THIS COSTUME?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHERE AM I?
HUH?

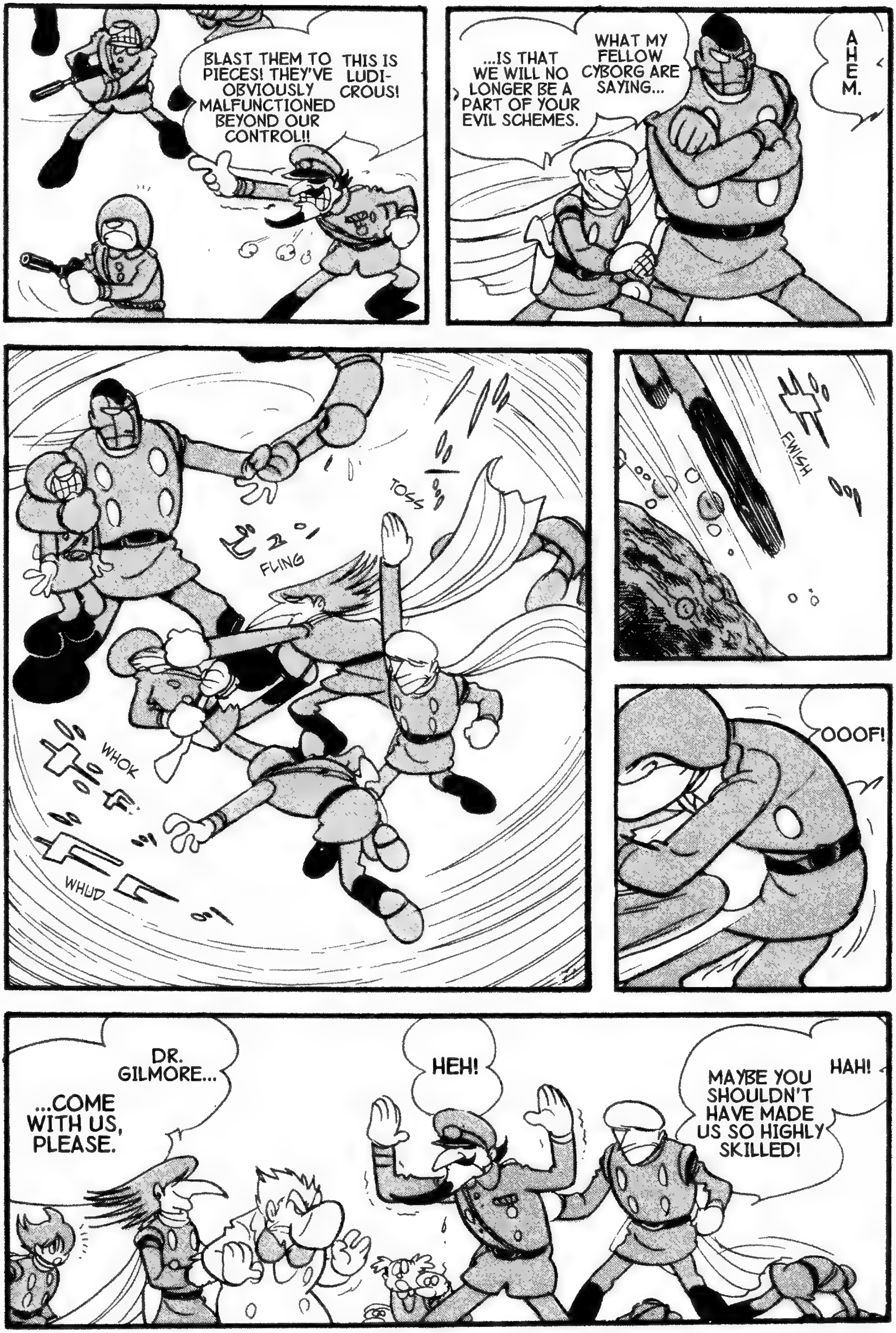

CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
AAH!
DUN
DUN
CLATTER
FWOOO
ROLL
WHOA! THIS IS AMAZING!
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN CRUSHED TO DEATH!
WHAT?!
WEEEEN

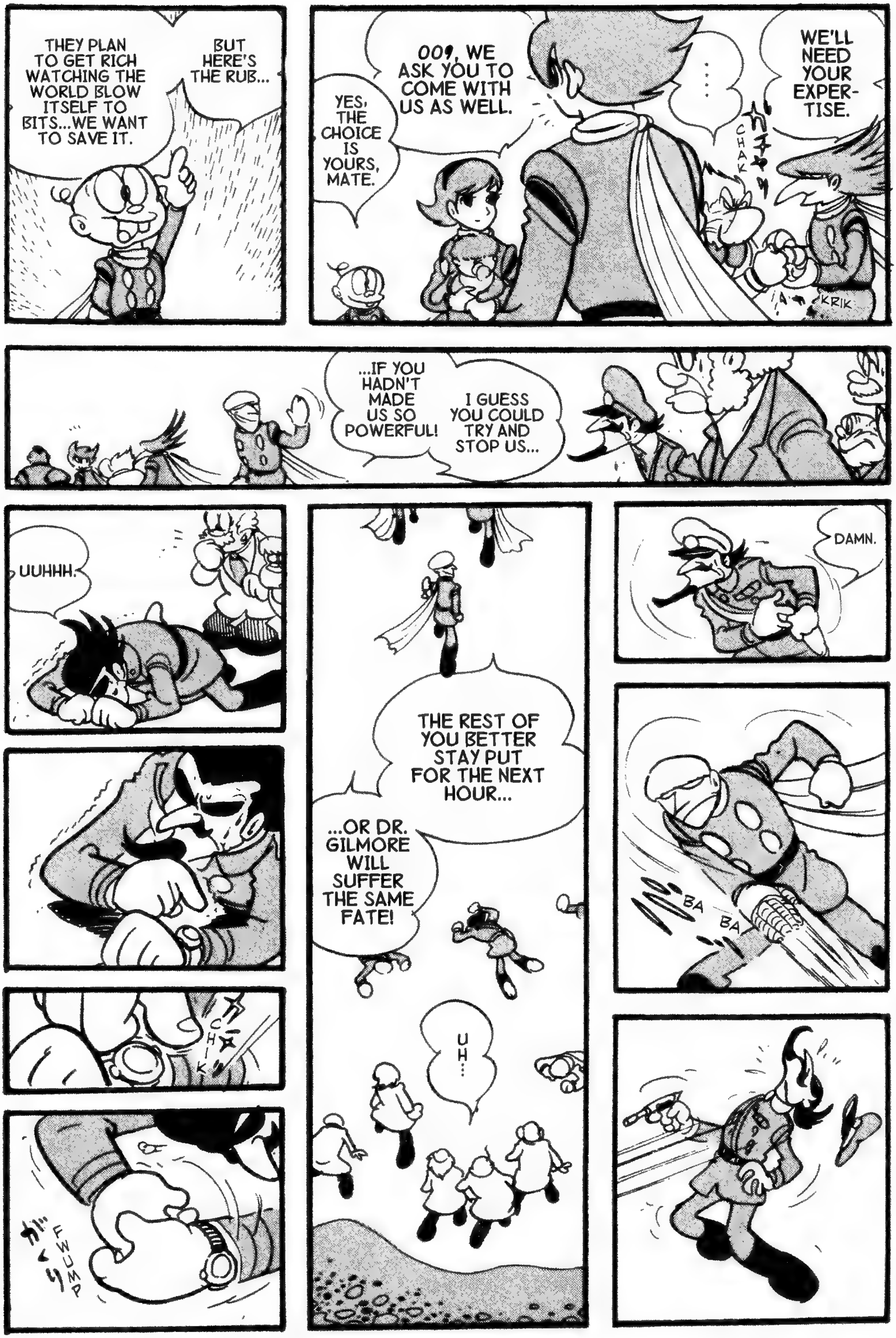

WAH…
WEEEEEEN

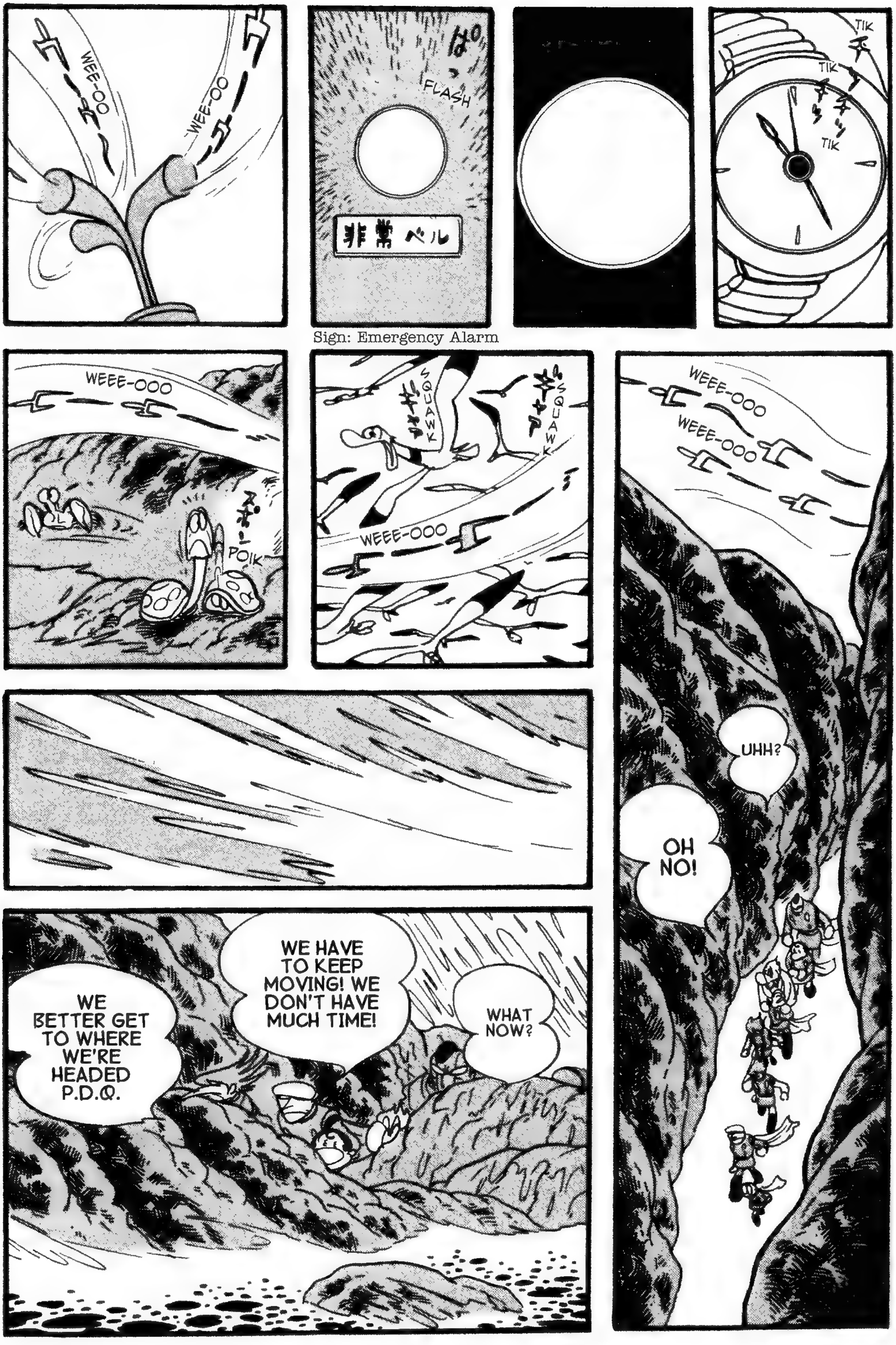

WEEEEEN
WEEEEN
SPLOOSH
BUAAH.


THAT'S WEIRD...
I COULD BREATHE UNDERWATER...
...AS EASILY AS I CAN BREATHE NOW.
IT DIDN'T EVEN HURT WHEN I FELL FROM THE SKY.
AND I RAN FASTER THAN NORMAL, WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT!
EXCELLENT! LOOKS LIKE YOU PASSED THE TEST.
YOU'LL BE READY BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.
READY? READY FOR WHAT?
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.
MY NAME IS DR. GILMORE. AND YOU, MY YOUNG LAD, ARE 009!
009?
NO! MY NAME IS JOE!
YOUR NAME WAS JOE! BUT FROM NOW ON...
...YOU'LL BE CALLED 009! YOU'RE OUR NINTH CYBORG CREATION.


NOT SO FAST, GILMORE! ALL OF YOU, HANDS IN THE AIR!
NEVER MIND HIM. LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO YOUR TEAMMATES.
BLACK GHOST?
THE LIFE YOU HAD BEFORE, THE IDENTITY YOU KNEW, ARE NO LONGER. YOU BELONG TO BLACK GHOST NOW.
HA HA HA.
YEAH?
WELL, WE ARE ABOUT TO ACHIEVE THE *IMPOSSIBLE*!
WHAT?! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!
BA BA BA BA BA BA
YIKES!
THE...THE CYBORGS HAVE GONE MAD!
TOODLE-LOO.
INDEED. SO WE WILL BE TAKING OUR CYBORG BROTHER 009 WITH US!
EXACTLY. YOU CAN IMPLANT ALL OF THE CYBORG PARTS YOU WANT, BUT WE STILL HAVE OUR HEARTS!
Goo goo!
OR PERHAPS OUR HUMANITY HAS OVERCOME YOUR TECHNOLOGY.
HAVE WE REALLY?


BLAST THEM TO PIECES! THEY'VE OBVIOUSLY MALFUNCTIONED BEYOND OUR CONTROL!!
THIS IS LUDICROUS!
AHEM.
WHAT MY FELLOW CYBORG ARE SAYING...
...IS THAT WE WILL NO LONGER BE A PART OF YOUR EVIL SCHEMES.
TOSS
FLING
WHOK
WHUD
FWISH
OOOF!
DR. GILMORE...
...COME WITH US, PLEASE.
HEH!
HAH!
MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE US SO HIGHLY SKILLED!


THEY PLAN TO GET RICH WATCHING THE WORLD BLOW ITSELF TO BITS...WE WANT TO SAVE IT.
BUT HERE'S THE RUB...
009, WE ASK YOU TO COME WITH US AS WELL.
YES, THE CHOICE IS YOURS, MATE.
....
WE'LL NEED YOUR EXPERTISE.
CHAK
KRIK
I GUESS YOU COULD TRY AND STOP US...
...IF YOU HADN'T MADE US SO POWERFUL!
UUHHH.
CHIK
FWUMP
THE REST OF YOU BETTER STAY PUT FOR THE NEXT HOUR...
...OR DR. GILMORE WILL SUFFER THE SAME FATE!
UH...
DAMN.
BA
BA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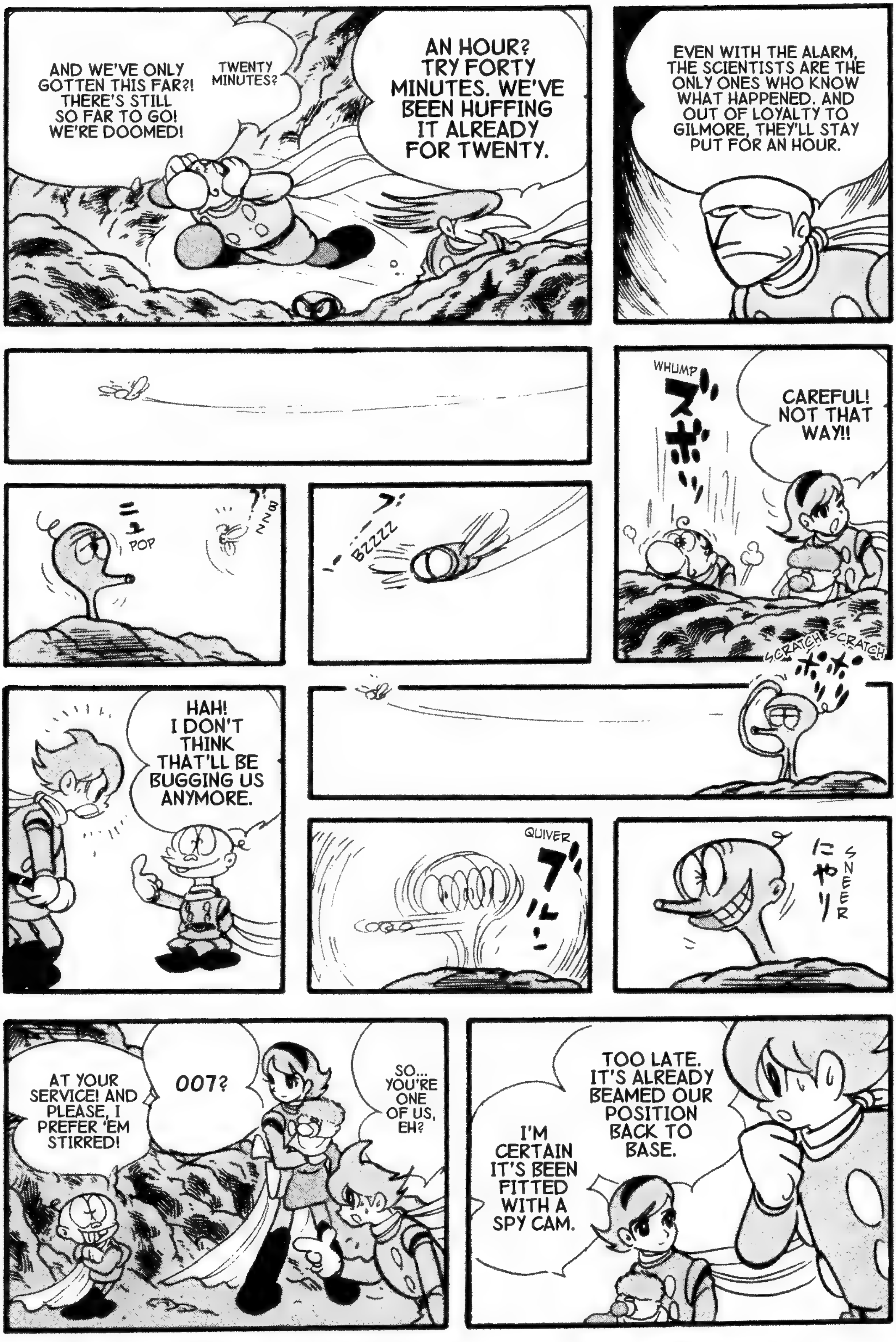
FLASH
非常ベル
Sign: Emergency Alarm
WEE-OO
WEE-OO
WEEE-OOO
WEEE-OOO
UHH?
OH NO!
SQUAWK
SQUAWK
WEEE-OOO
WEEE-OOO
POIK
WHAT NOW?
WE HAVE TO KEEP MOVING! WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!
WE BETTER GET TO WHERE WE'RE HEADED P.D.Q.


AN HOUR? TRY FORTY MINUTES. WE'VE BEEN HUFFING IT ALREADY FOR TWENTY.
TWENTY MINUTES?
AND WE'VE ONLY GOTTEN THIS FAR?! THERE'S STILL SO FAR TO GO! WE'RE DOOMED!
EVEN WITH THE ALARM, THE SCIENTISTS ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. AND OUT OF LOYALTY TO GILMORE, THEY'LL STAY PUT FOR AN HOUR.
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POP
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BZZ
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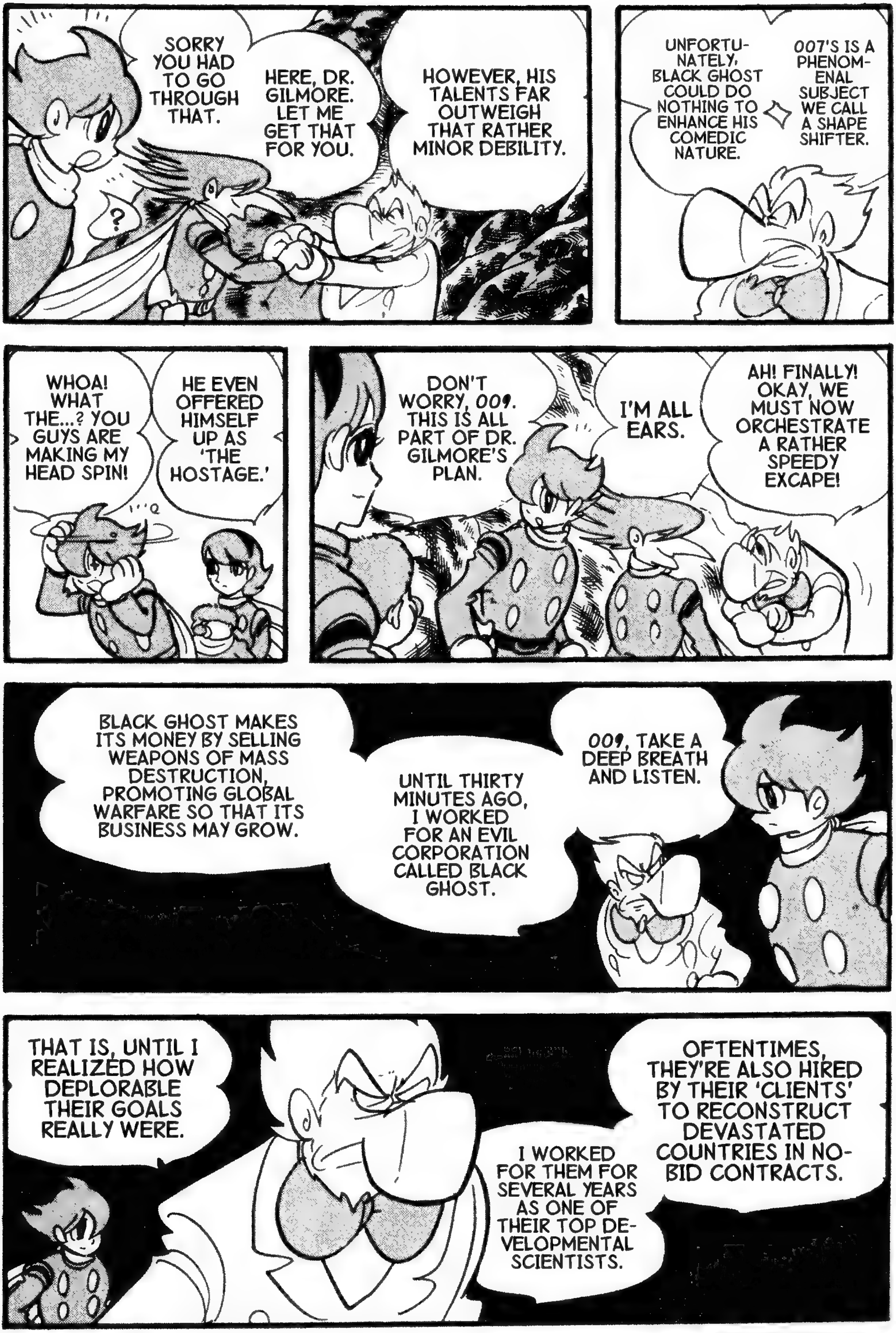
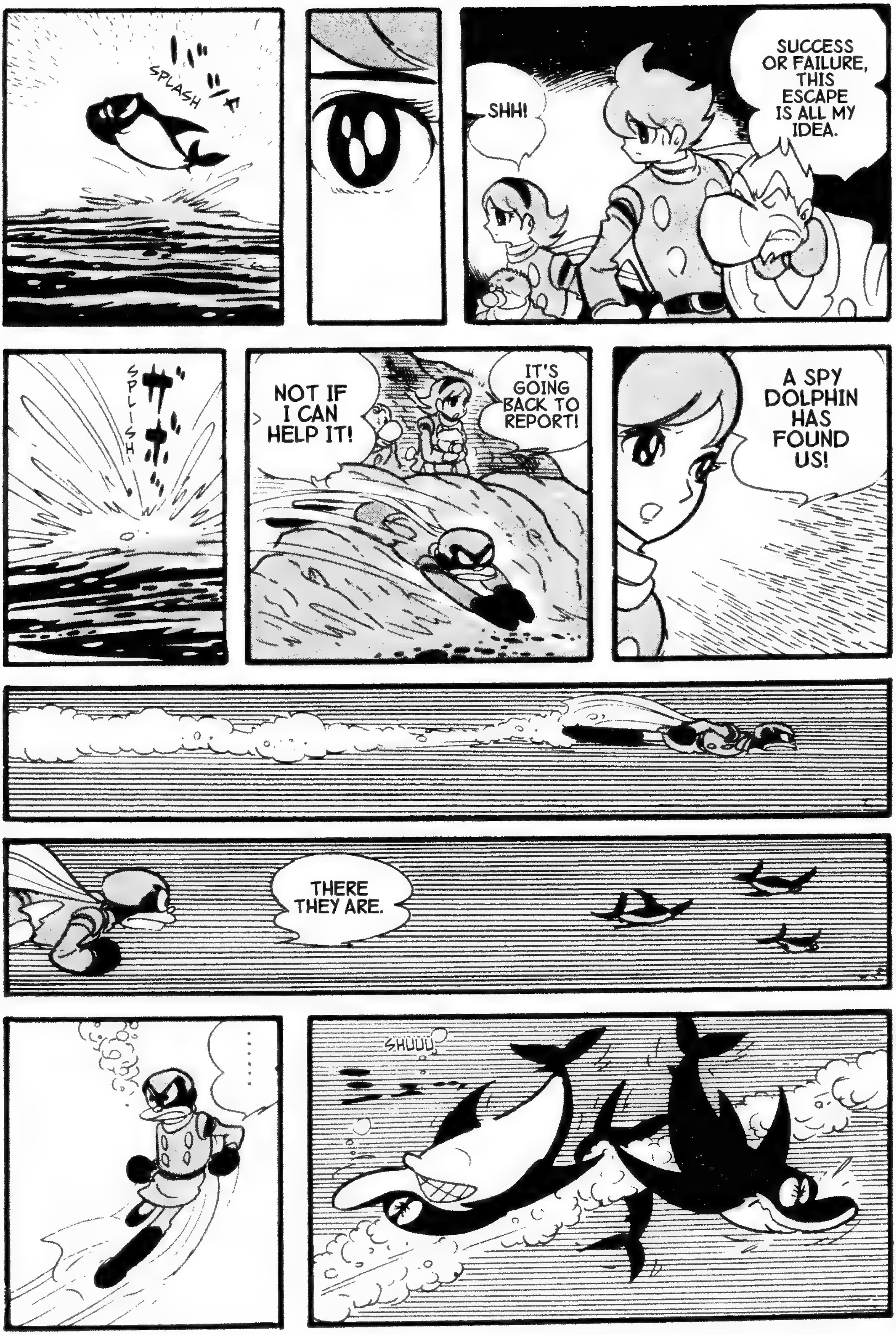
BZZZZ
WHUMP
ズボッ
CAREFUL! NOT THAT WAY!!
HAH! I DON'T THINK THAT'LL BE BUGGING US ANYMORE.
SCRATCH SCRATCH
QUIVER
ブルッ
にやり
SNEER
SO... YOU'RE ONE OF US, EH?
007?
AT YOUR SERVICE! AND PLEASE, I PREFER 'EM STIRRED!
I'M CERTAIN IT'S BEEN FITTED WITH A SPY CAM.
TOO LATE. IT'S ALREADY BEAMED OUR POSITION BACK TO BASE.


007'S IS A PHENOMENAL SUBJECT WE CALL A SHAPE SHIFTER.
UNFORTUNATELY, BLACK GHOST COULD DO NOTHING TO ENHANCE HIS COMEDIC NATURE.
HOWEVER, HIS TALENTS FAR OUTWEIGH THAT RATHER MINOR DEBILITY.
HERE, DR. GILMORE. LET ME GET THAT FOR YOU.
SORRY YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH THAT.
?
AH! FINALLY! OKAY, WE MUST NOW ORCHESTRATE A RATHER SPEEDY EXCAPE!
I'M ALL EARS.
DON'T WORRY, 009. THIS IS ALL PART OF DR. GILMORE'S PLAN.
HE EVEN OFFERED HIMSELF UP AS 'THE HOSTAGE.'
WHOA! WHAT THE...? YOU GUYS ARE MAKING MY HEAD SPIN!
009, TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND LISTEN.
UNTIL THIRTY MINUTES AGO, I WORKED FOR AN EVIL CORPORATION CALLED BLACK GHOST.
BLACK GHOST MAKES ITS MONEY BY SELLING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, PROMOTING GLOBAL WARFARE SO THAT ITS BUSINESS MAY GROW.
OFTENTIMES, THEY'RE ALSO HIRED BY THEIR 'CLIENTS' TO RECONSTRUCT DEVASTATED COUNTRIES IN NO-BID CONTRACTS.
I WORKED FOR THEM FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS ONE OF THEIR TOP DEVELOPMENTAL SCIENTISTS.
THAT IS, UNTIL I REALIZED HOW DEPLORABLE THEIR GOALS REALLY WERE.


SUCCESS OR FAILURE, THIS ESCAPE IS ALL MY IDEA.
SHH!
SPLASH
A SPY DOLPHIN HAS FOUND US!
IT'S GOING BACK TO REPORT!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
SPLISH
THERE THEY ARE.
SHUUU
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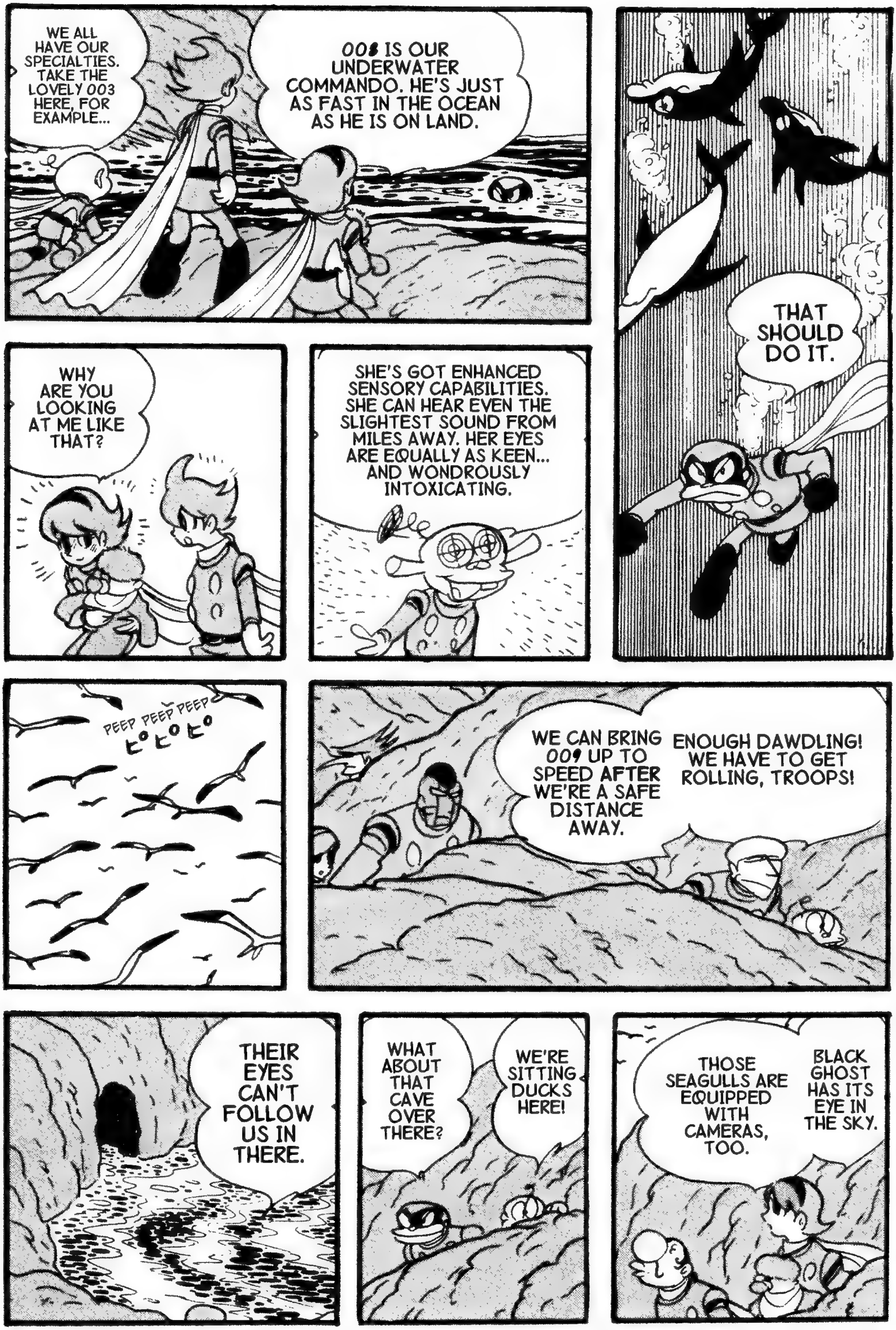
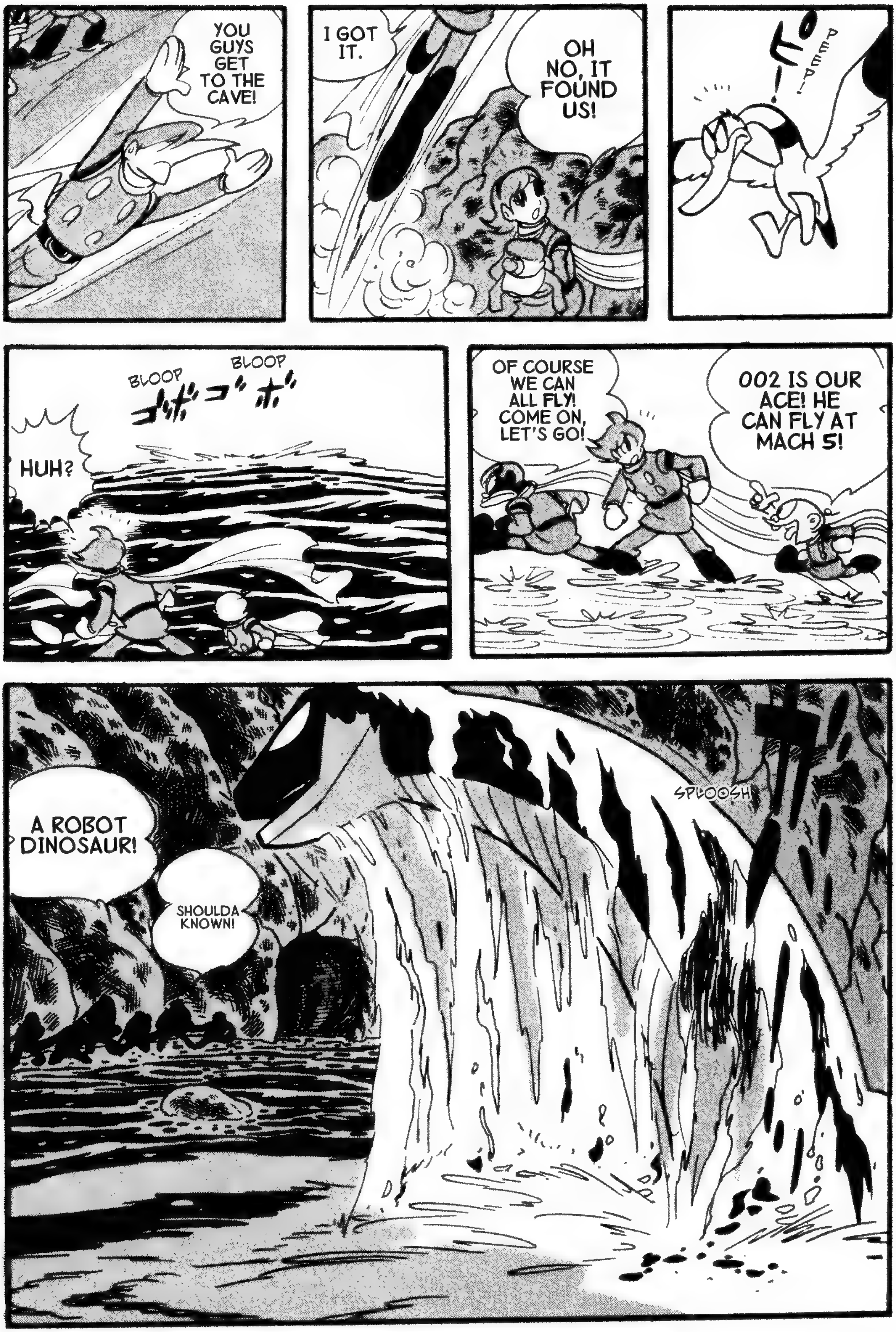
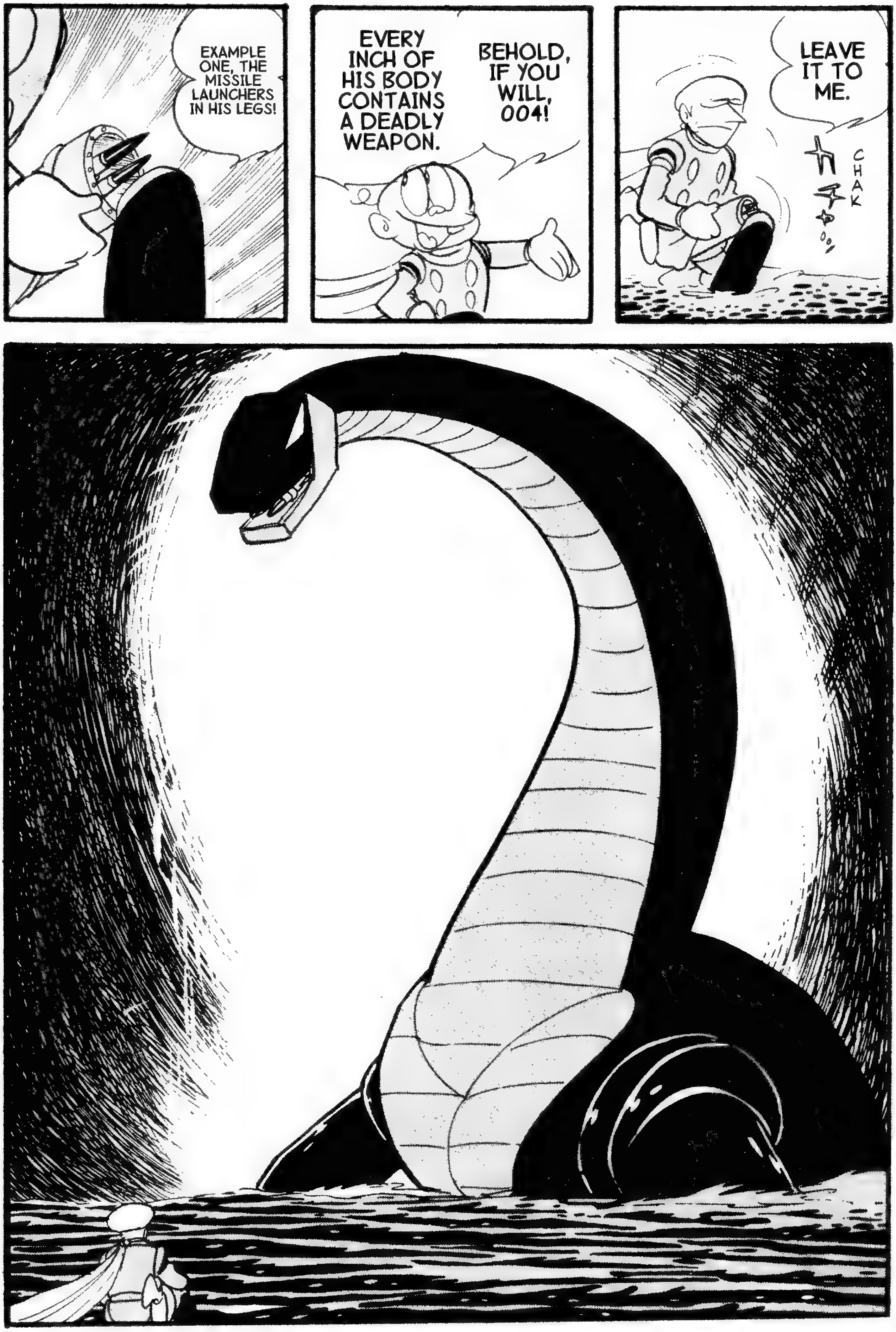
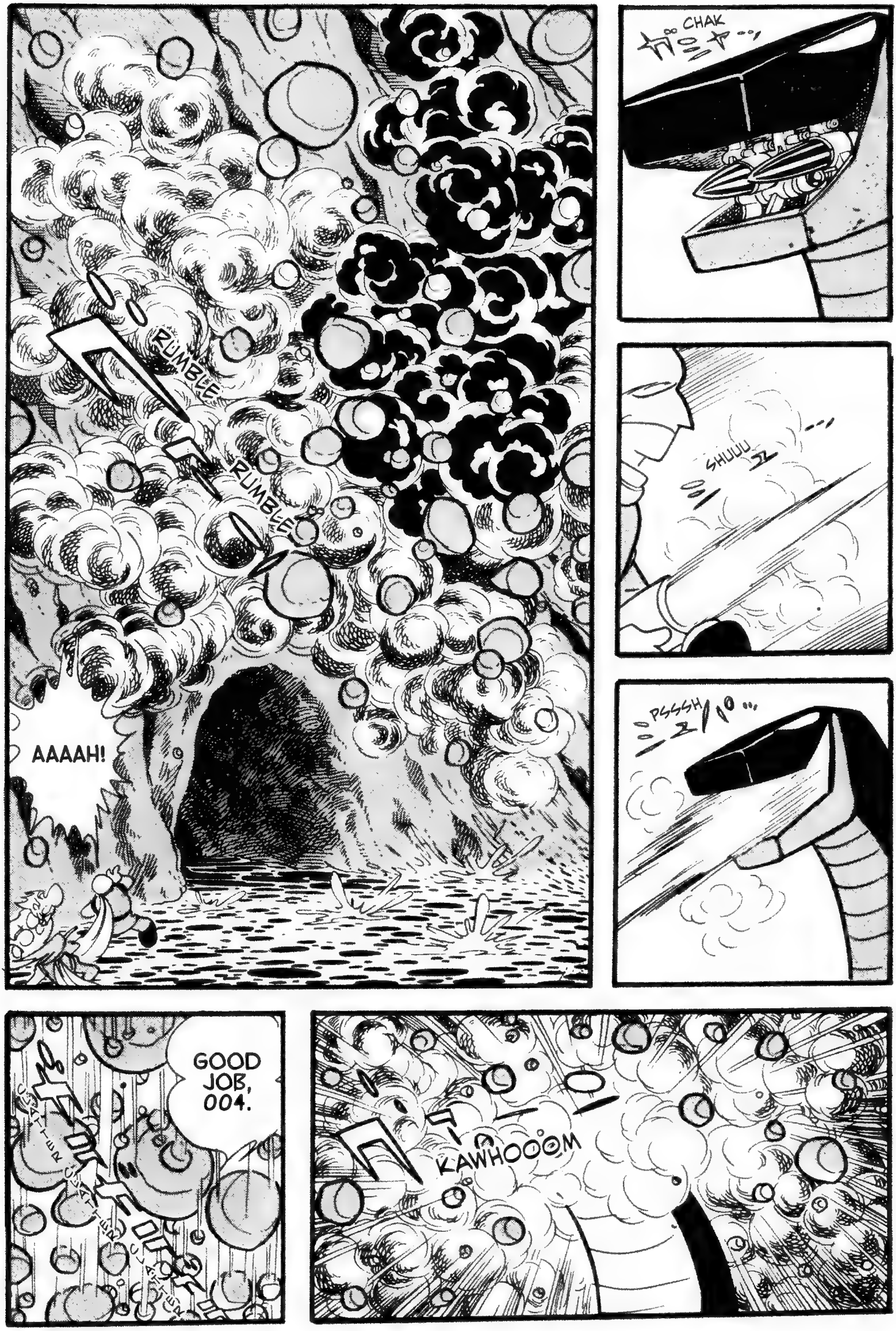
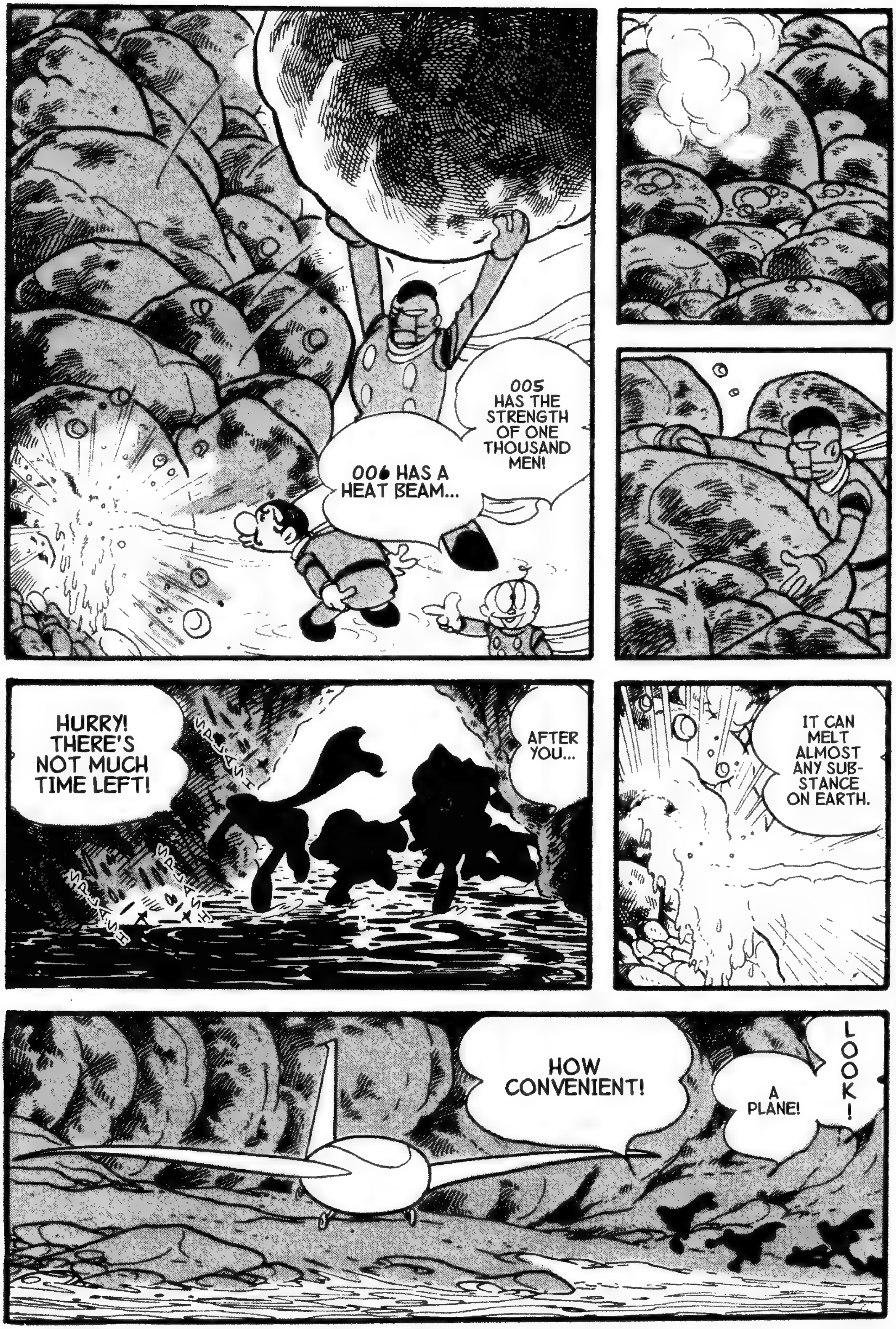
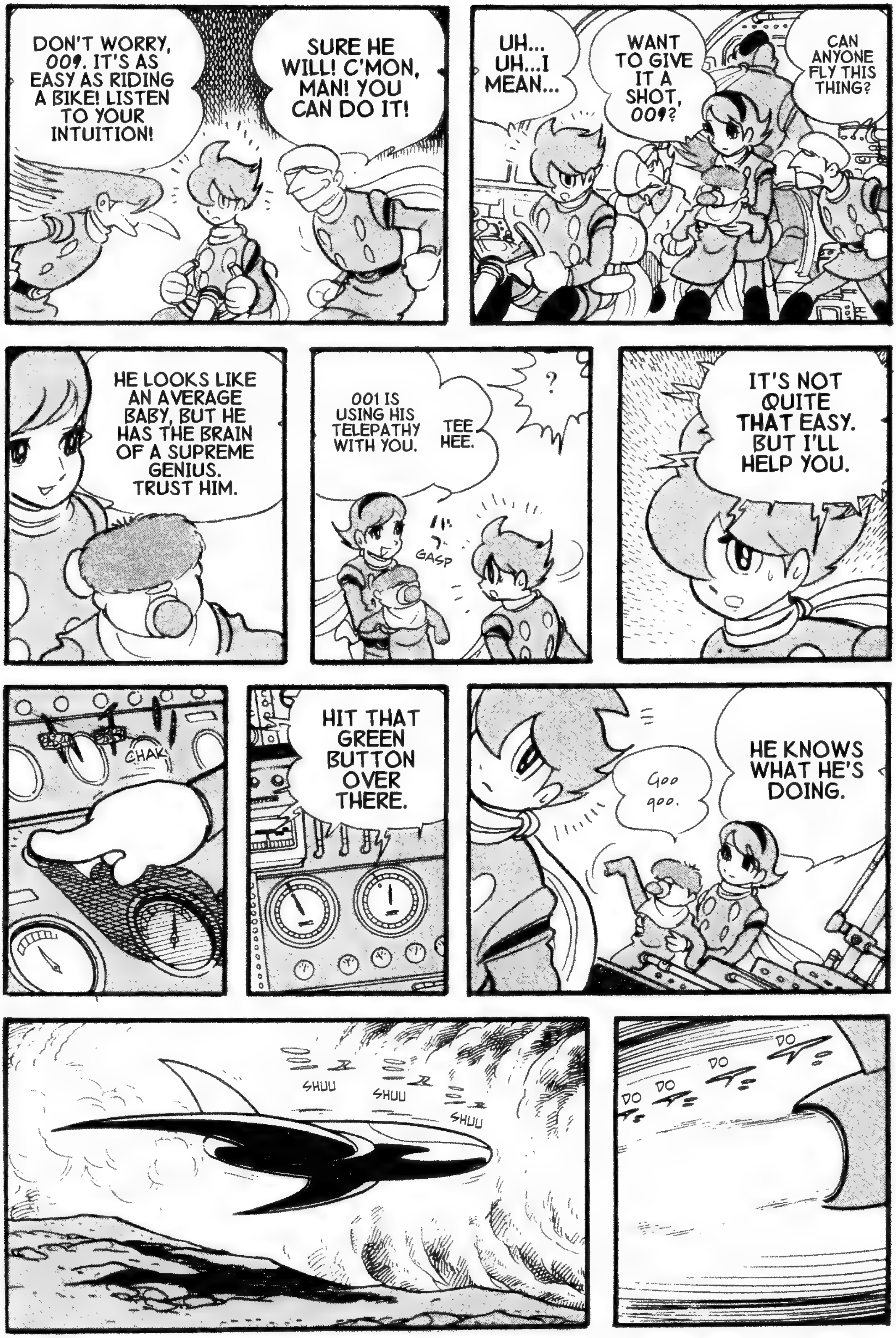

THAT SHOULD DO IT.
008 IS OUR UNDERWATER COMMANDO. HE'S JUST AS FAST IN THE OCEAN AS HE IS ON LAND.
WE ALL HAVE OUR SPECIALTIES. TAKE THE LOVELY 003 HERE, FOR EXAMPLE...
SHE'S GOT ENHANCED SENSORY CAPABILITIES. SHE CAN HEAR EVEN THE SLIGHTEST SOUND FROM MILES AWAY. HER EYES ARE EQUALLY AS KEEN... AND WONDROUSLY INTOXICATING.
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
ENOUGH DAWDLING! WE HAVE TO GET ROLLING, TROOPS!
WE CAN BRING 009 UP TO SPEED AFTER WE'RE A SAFE DISTANCE AWAY.
PEEP PEEP PEEP
ピピピ
BLACK GHOST HAS ITS EYE IN THE SKY.
THOSE SEAGULLS ARE EQUIPPED WITH CAMERAS, TOO.
WE'RE SITTING DUCKS HERE!
WHAT ABOUT THAT CAVE OVER THERE?
THEIR EYES CAN'T FOLLOW US IN THERE.

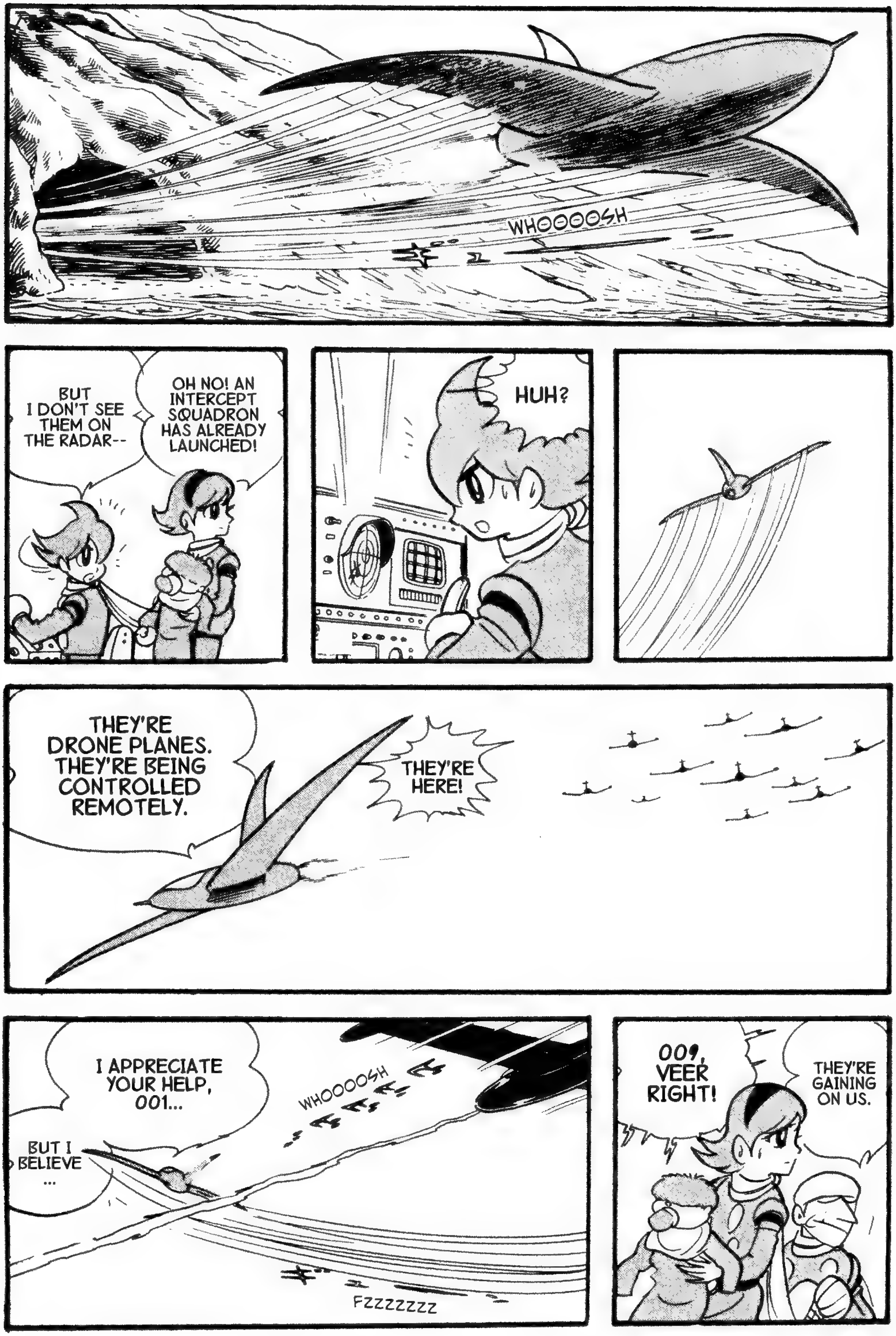

YOU GUYS GET TO THE CAVE!
I GOT IT.
OH NO, IT FOUND US!
ピ!
PEEP!
BLOOP BLOOP
ゴボゴボ
HUH?
OF COURSE WE CAN ALL FLY! COME ON, LET'S GO!
002 IS OUR ACE! HE CAN FLY AT MACH 5!
A ROBOT DINOSAUR!
SHOULDA KNOWN!
SPLOOSH

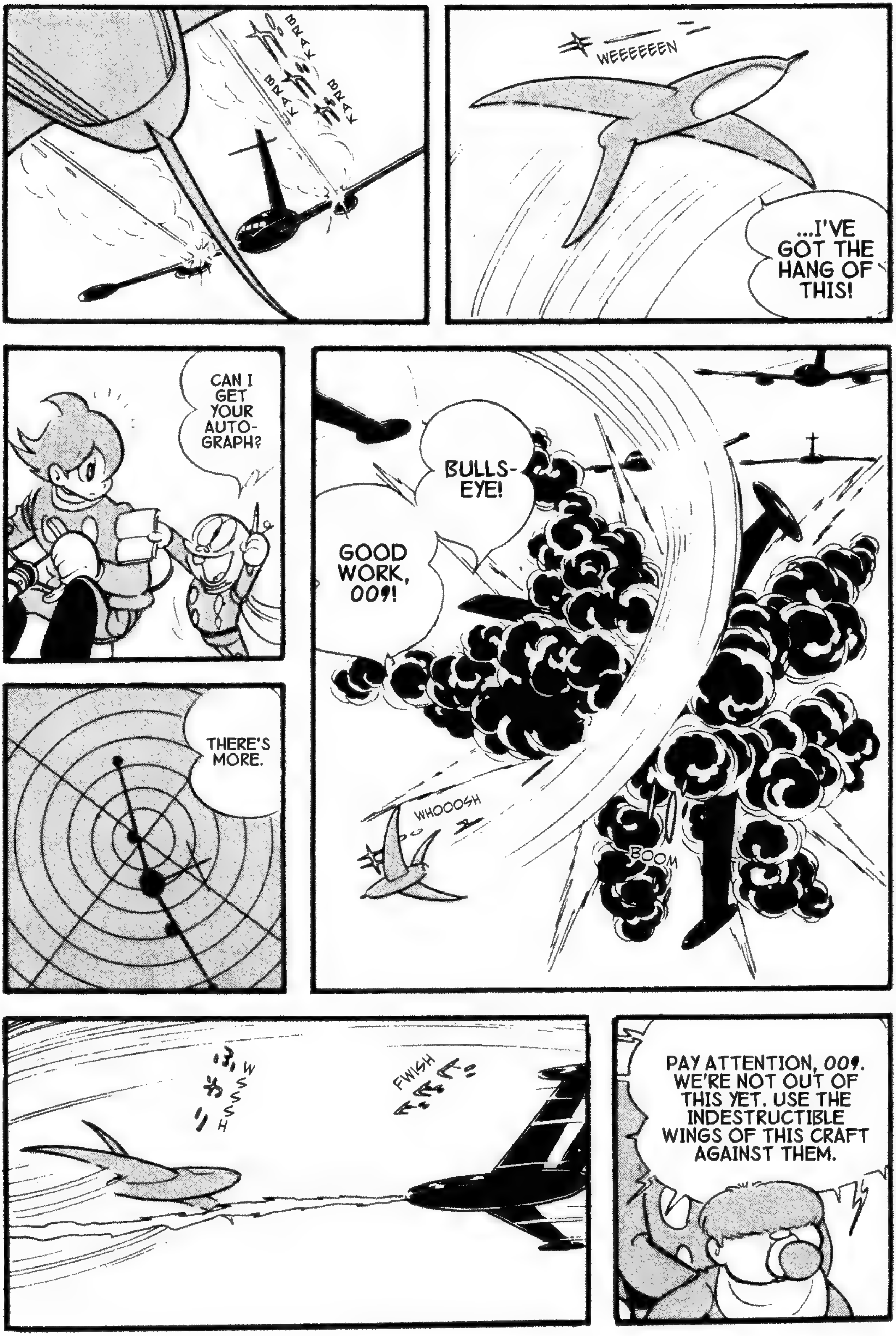

LEAVE IT TO ME.
CHAK
BEHOLD, IF YOU WILL, 004!
EVERY INCH OF HIS BODY CONTAINS A DEADLY WEAPON.
EXAMPLE ONE, THE MISSILE LAUNCHERS IN HIS LEGS!

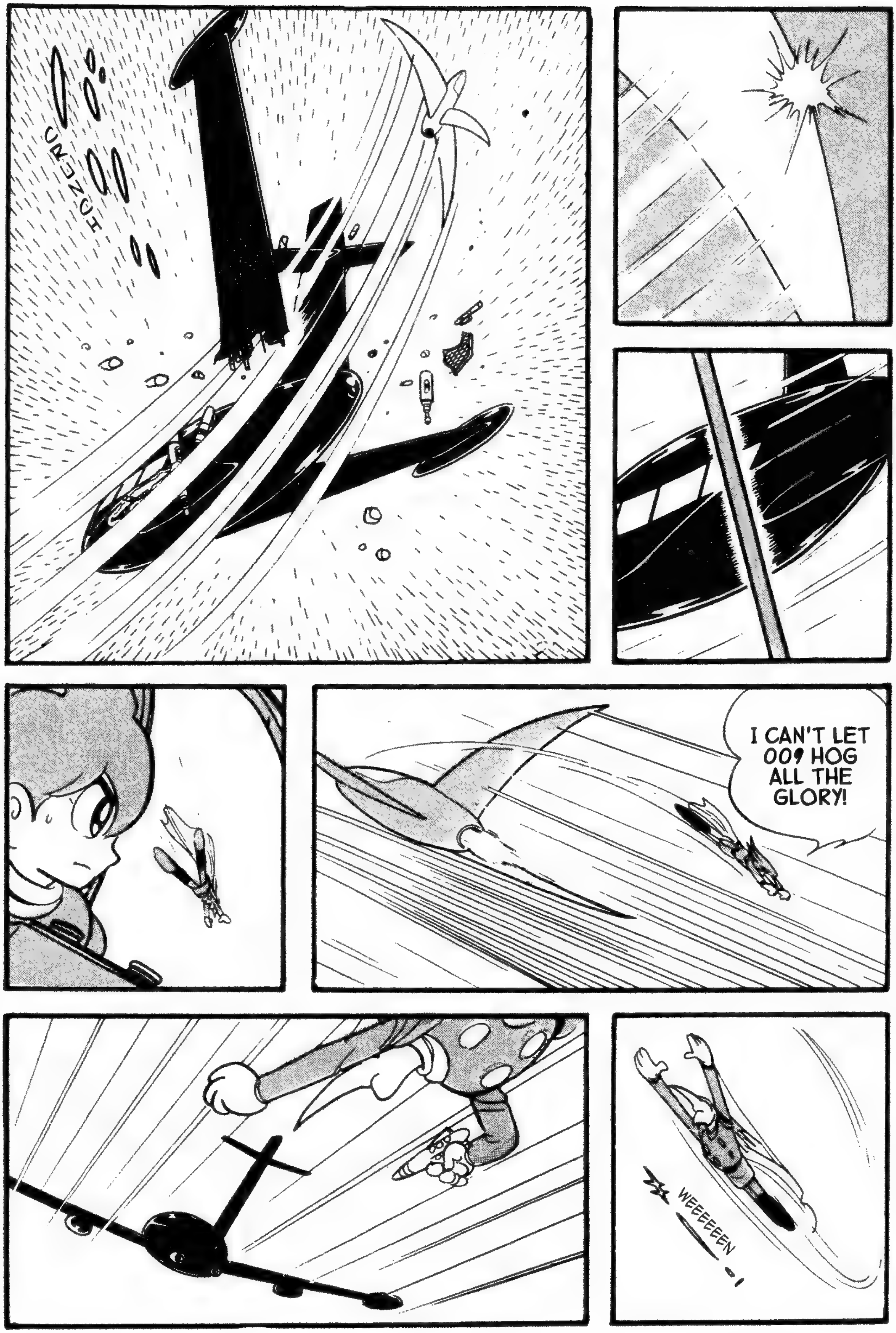

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
AAAAH!
CHAK
SHUUU
PSSSH
GOOD JOB, 004.
SPATTER
SPATTER
SPATTER
KAWHOOOM

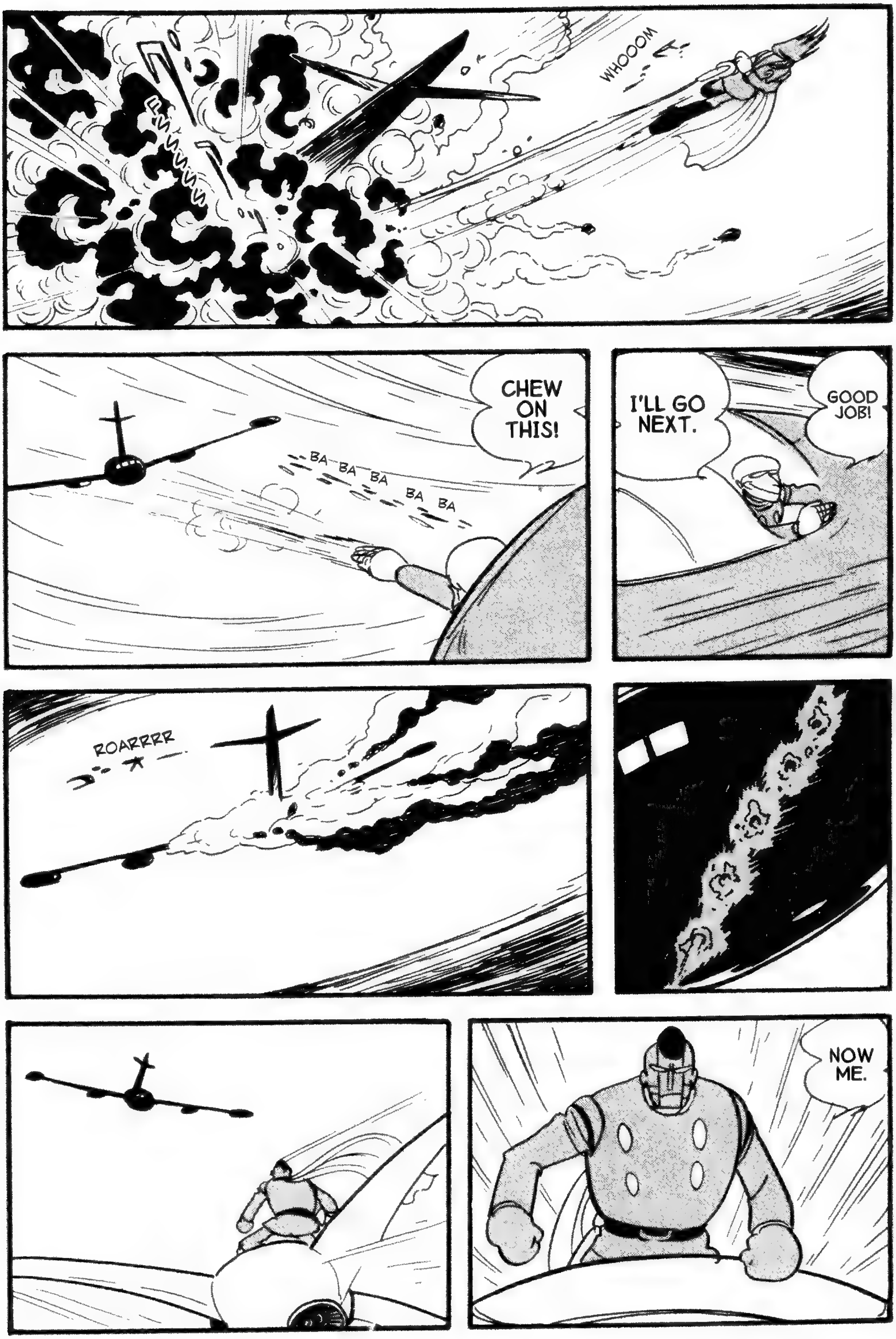

006 HAS A HEAT BEAM...
IT CAN MELT ALMOST ANY SUBSTANCE ON EARTH.
005 HAS THE STRENGTH OF ONE THOUSAND MEN!
HURRY! THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME LEFT!
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
AFTER YOU...
LOOK!
A PLANE!
HOW CONVENIENT!

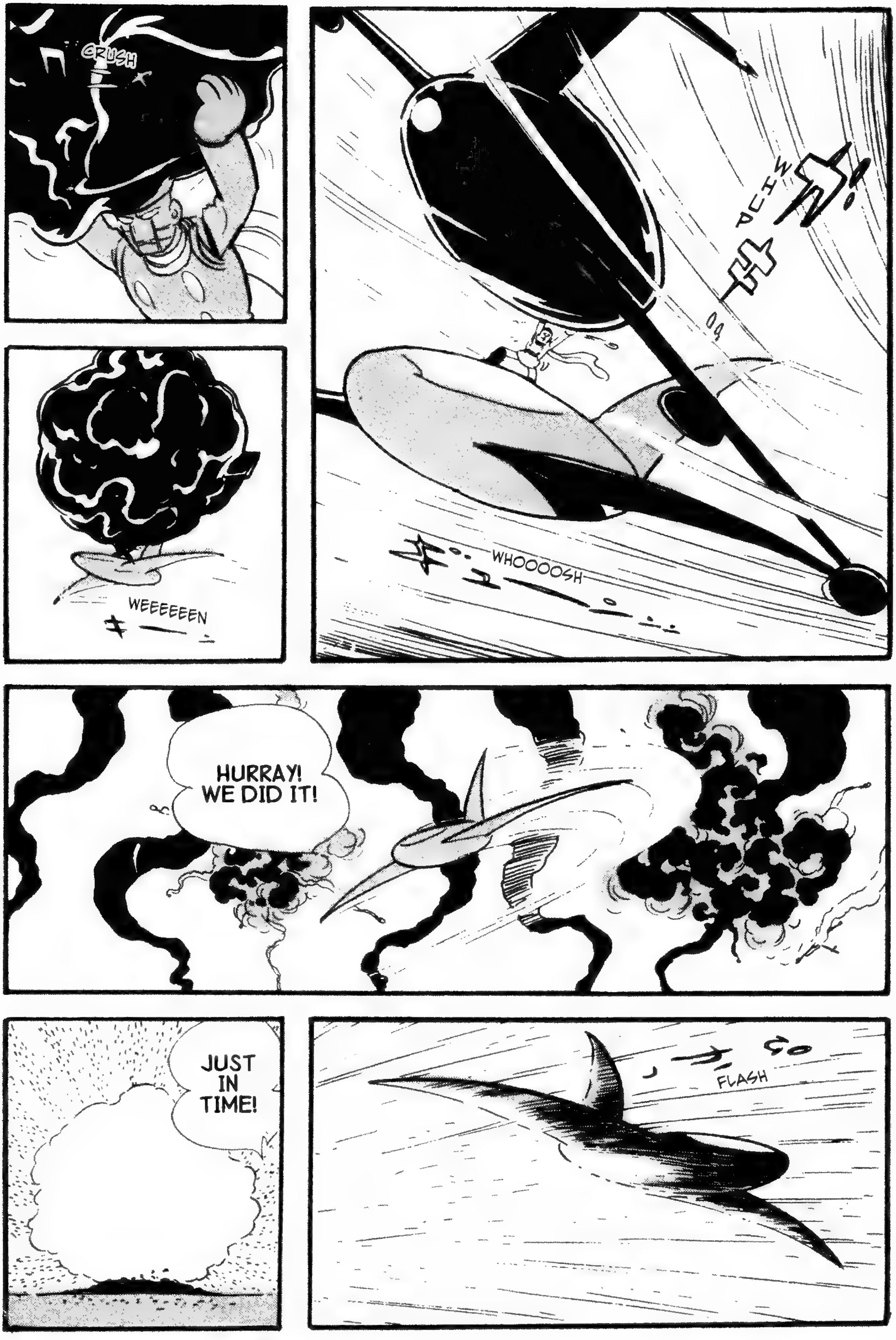

CAN ANYONE FLY THIS THING?
WANT TO GIVE IT A SHOT, 009?
UH... UH...I MEAN...
SURE HE WILL! C'MON, MAN! YOU CAN DO IT!
DON'T WORRY, 009. IT'S AS EASY AS RIDING A BIKE! LISTEN TO YOUR INTUITION!
IT'S NOT QUITE THAT EASY. BUT I'LL HELP YOU.
?
GASP
TEE HEE.
001 IS USING HIS TELEPATHY WITH YOU.
HE LOOKS LIKE AN AVERAGE BABY, BUT HE HAS THE BRAIN OF A SUPREME GENIUS. TRUST HIM.
HE KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING.
Goo goo.
HIT THAT GREEN BUTTON OVER THERE.
CHAK
DO
DO
DO
DO
SHUU
SHUU
SHUU

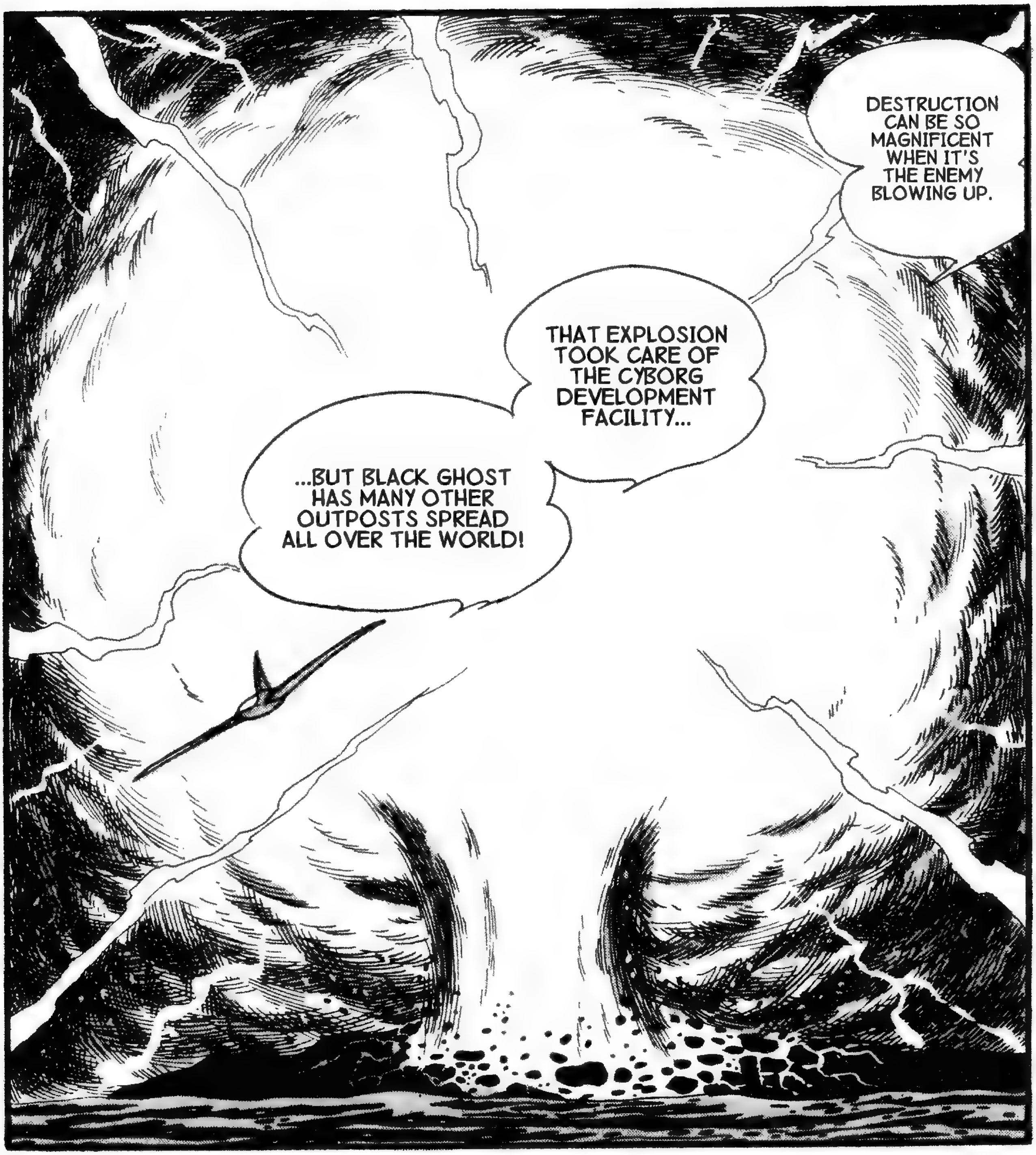

WHOOOOSH
OH NO! AN INTERCEPT SQUADRON HAS ALREADY LAUNCHED!
BUT I DON'T SEE THEM ON THE RADAR--
HUH?
THEY'RE HERE!
THEY'RE DRONE PLANES. THEY'RE BEING CONTROLLED REMOTELY.
WHOOOOSH
I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP, 001...
BUT I BELIEVE ...
FZZZZZZZ
THEY'RE GAINING ON US.
009, VEER RIGHT!

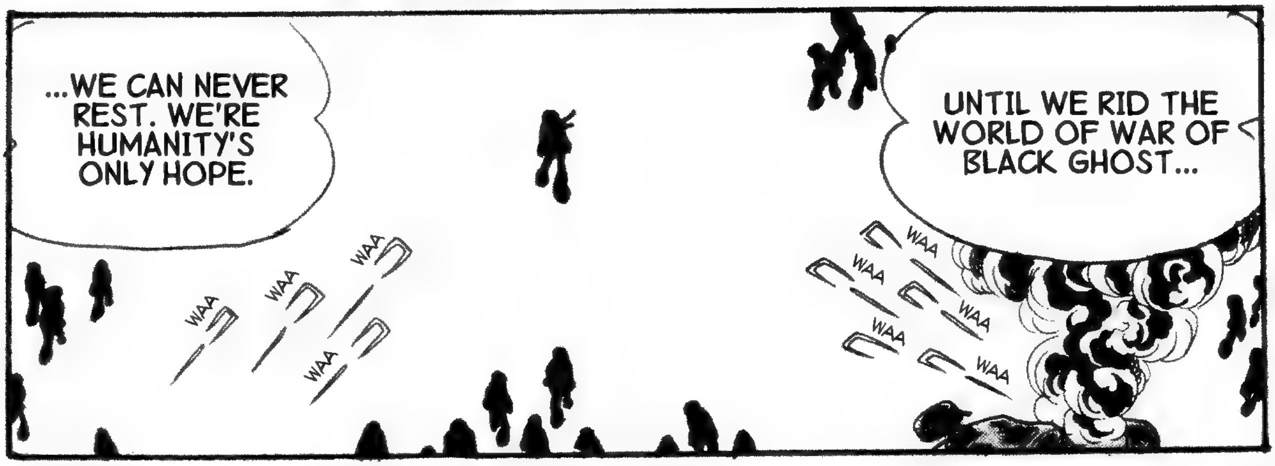

BRAK
BRAK
BRAK
WEEEEEEEN
...I'VE GOT THE HANG OF THIS!
CAN I GET YOUR AUTOGRAPH?
BULLS-EYE!
GOOD WORK, 009!
WHOOOSH
BOOM
THERE'S MORE.
WSSSH
FWISH
PAY ATTENTION, 009. WE'RE NOT OUT OF THIS YET. USE THE INDESTRUCTIBLE WINGS OF THIS CRAFT AGAINST THEM.


CRUNCH
I CAN'T LET 009 HOG ALL THE GLORY!
WEEEEEEN


WHOOOM
BA BA BA BA BA
CHEW ON THIS!
I'LL GO NEXT.
GOOD JOB!
ROARRRR
NOW ME.


CRUSH
WEEEEEEN
WHIP
WHOOOOSH
HURRAY! WE DID IT!
JUST IN TIME!
FLASH


DESTRUCTION CAN BE SO MAGNIFICENT WHEN IT'S THE ENEMY BLOWING UP.
THAT EXPLOSION TOOK CARE OF THE CYBORG DEVELOPMENT FACILITY...
...BUT BLACK GHOST HAS MANY OTHER OUTPOSTS SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD!


UNTIL WE RID THE WORLD OF WAR OF BLACK GHOST...
...WE CAN NEVER REST. WE'RE HUMANITY'S ONLY HOPE.
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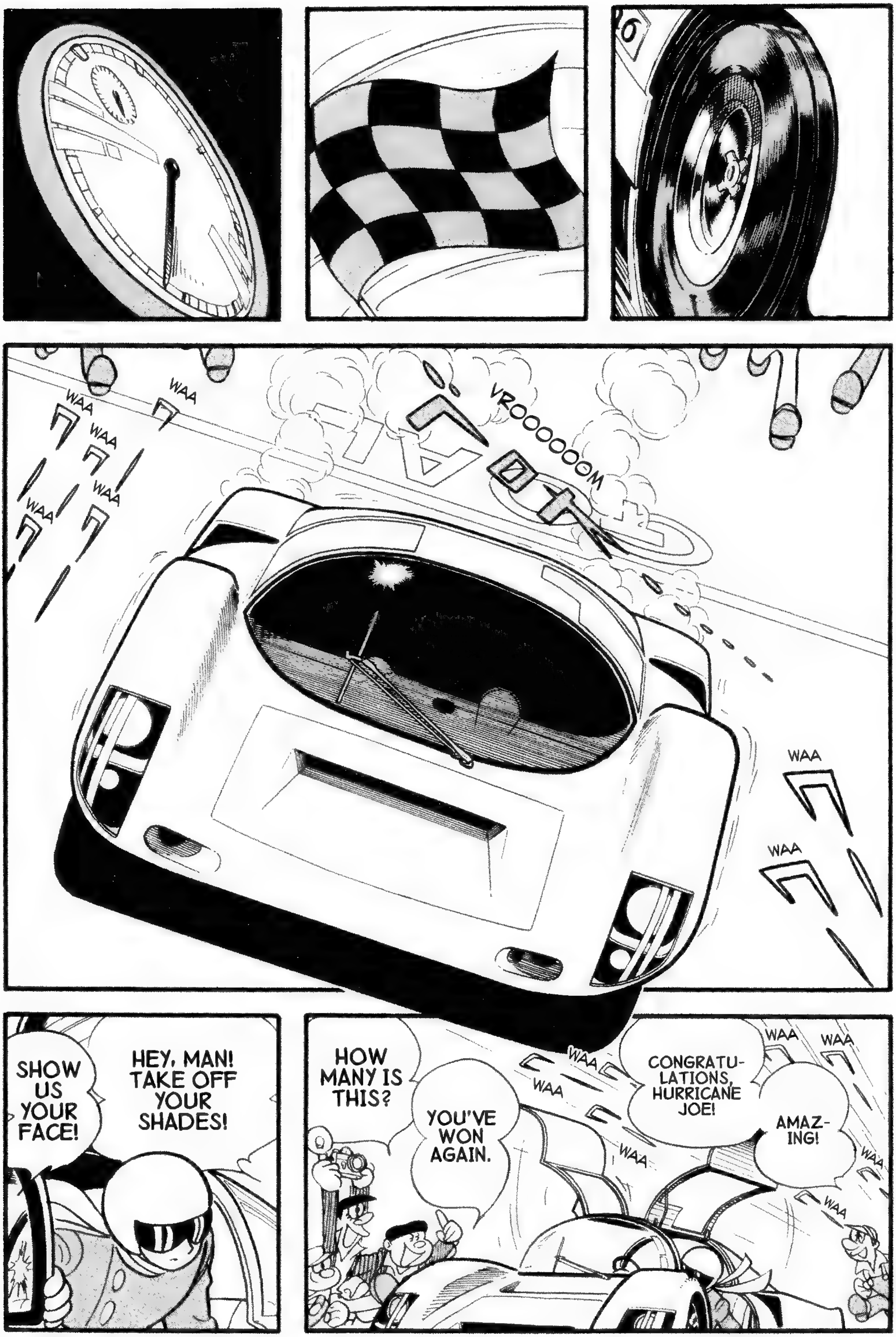
WAA


WAA
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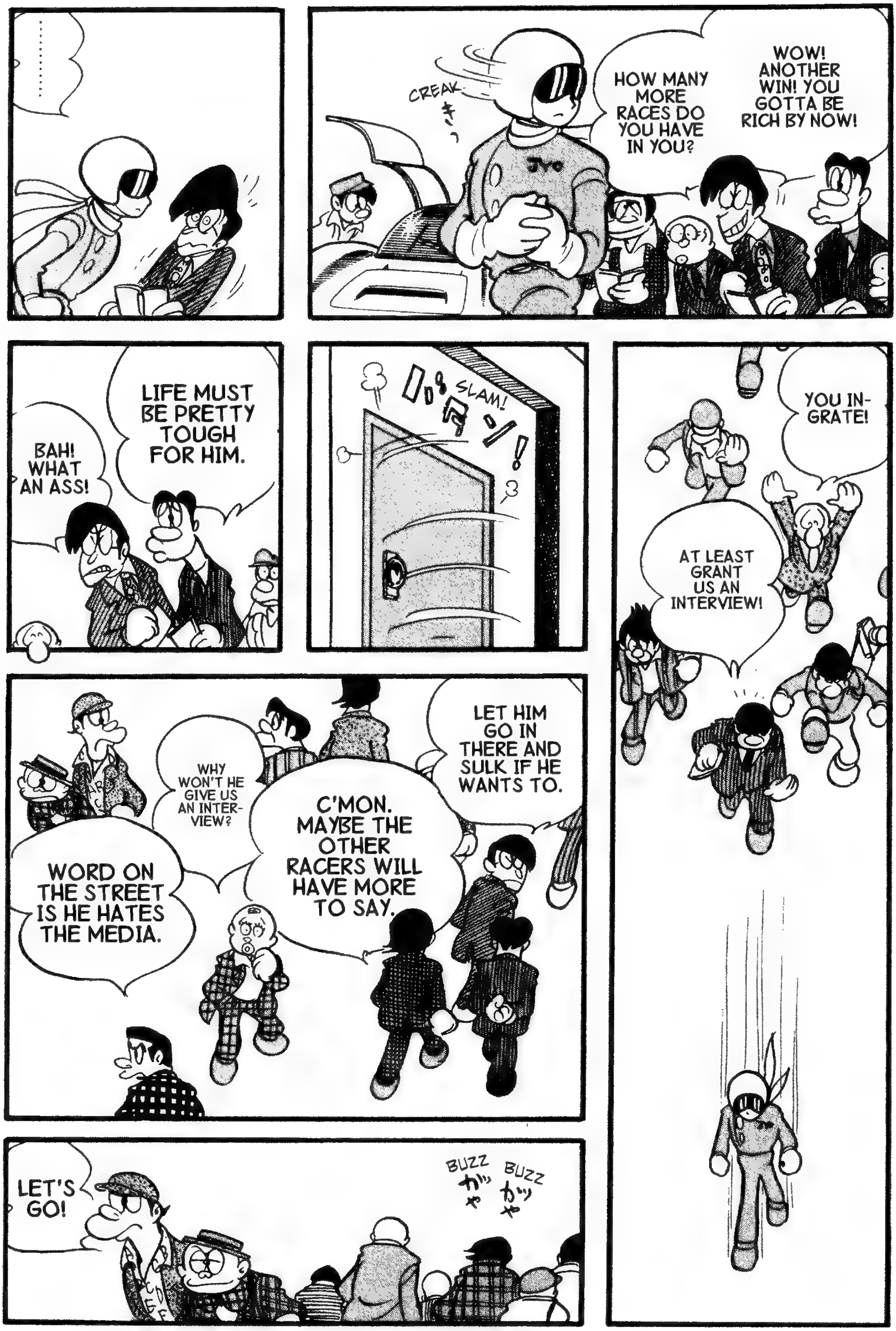
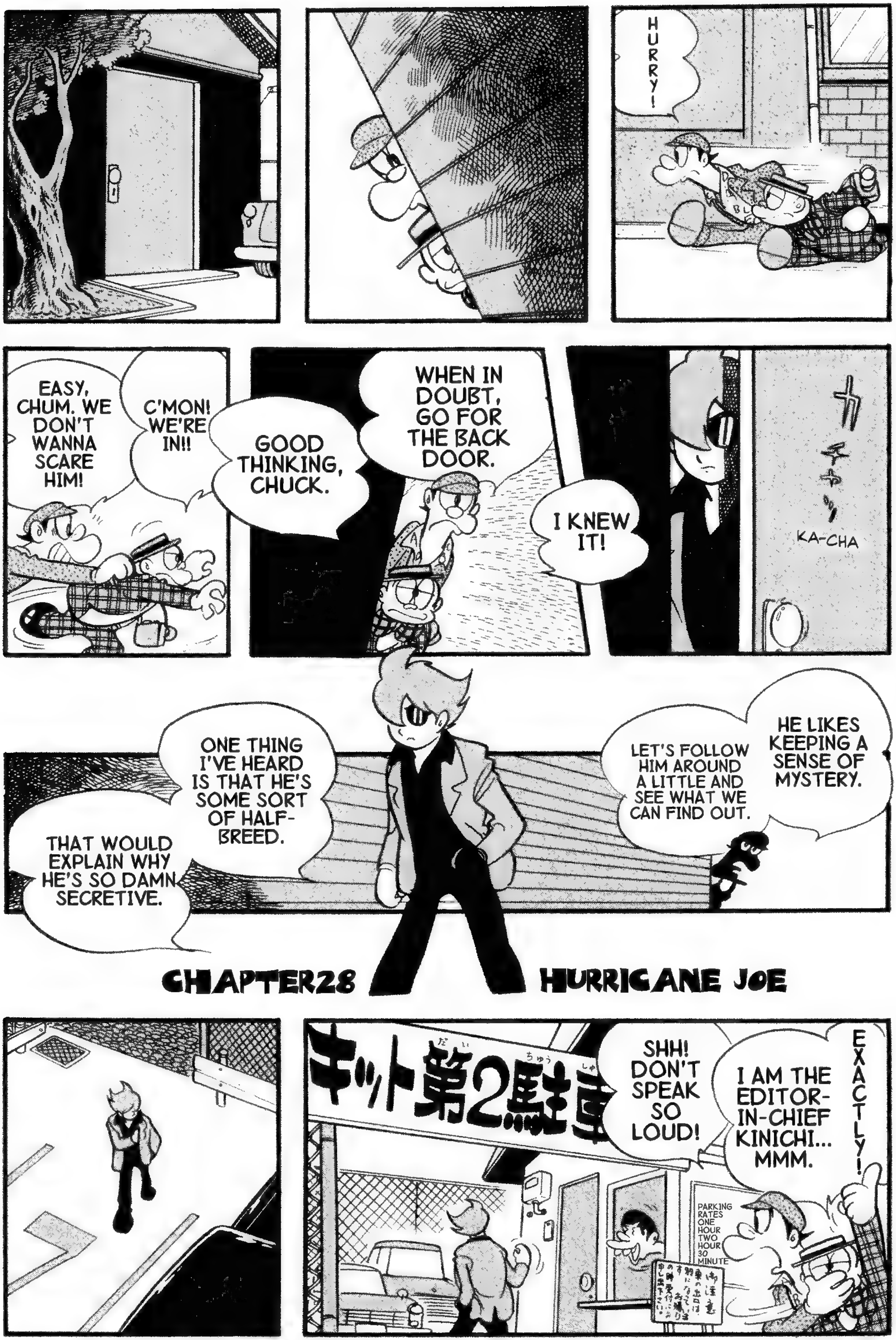
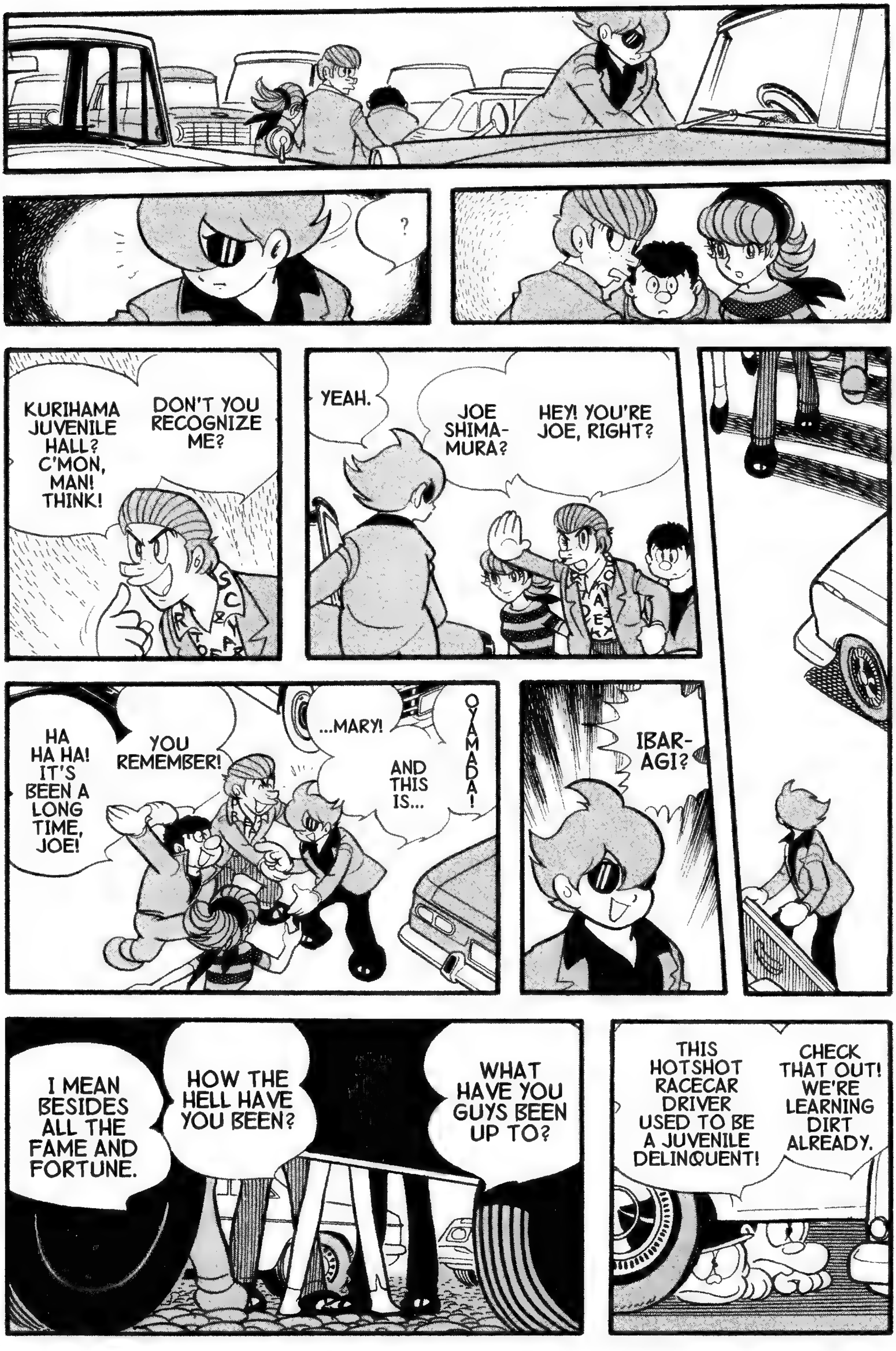
WAA
WAA
WAA
VROOOOOOM
WAA
WAA
SHOW US YOUR FACE!
HEY, MAN! TAKE OFF YOUR SHADES!
HOW MANY IS THIS?
YOU'VE WON AGAIN.
WAA
WAA
CONGRATULATIONS, HURRICANE JOE!
WAA
WAA
AMAZING!
WAA
WAA
WAA


WOW! ANOTHER WIN! YOU GOTTA BE RICH BY NOW!
HOW MANY MORE RACES DO YOU HAVE IN YOU?
CREAK きっ
……
YOU INGRATE!
AT LEAST GRANT US AN INTERVIEW!
SLAM! バタン!
LIFE MUST BE PRETTY TOUGH FOR HIM.
BAH! WHAT AN ASS!
LET HIM GO IN THERE AND SULK IF HE WANTS TO.
C'MON. MAYBE THE OTHER RACERS WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY.
WHY WON'T HE GIVE US AN INTERVIEW?
WORD ON THE STREET IS HE HATES THE MEDIA.
BUZZ ガヤ BUZZ ガヤ
LET'S GO!


HURRY!
C'MON! WE'RE IN!!
EASY, CHUM. WE DON'T WANNA SCARE HIM!
GOOD THINKING, CHUCK.
WHEN IN DOUBT, GO FOR THE BACK DOOR.
I KNEW IT!
カチャッ
KA-CHA
HE LIKES KEEPING A SENSE OF MYSTERY.
LET'S FOLLOW HIM AROUND A LITTLE AND SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND OUT.
ONE THING I'VE HEARD IS THAT HE'S SOME SORT OF HALF-BREED.
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN WHY HE'S SO DAMN SECRETIVE.
CHAPTER28 HURRICANE JOE
EXACTLY!
I AM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF KINICHI... MMM.
SHH! DON'T SPEAK SO LOUD!
キット第2駐車
PARKING RATES ONE HOUR TWO HOUR 30 MINUTE

Banner: Car Lot Number 2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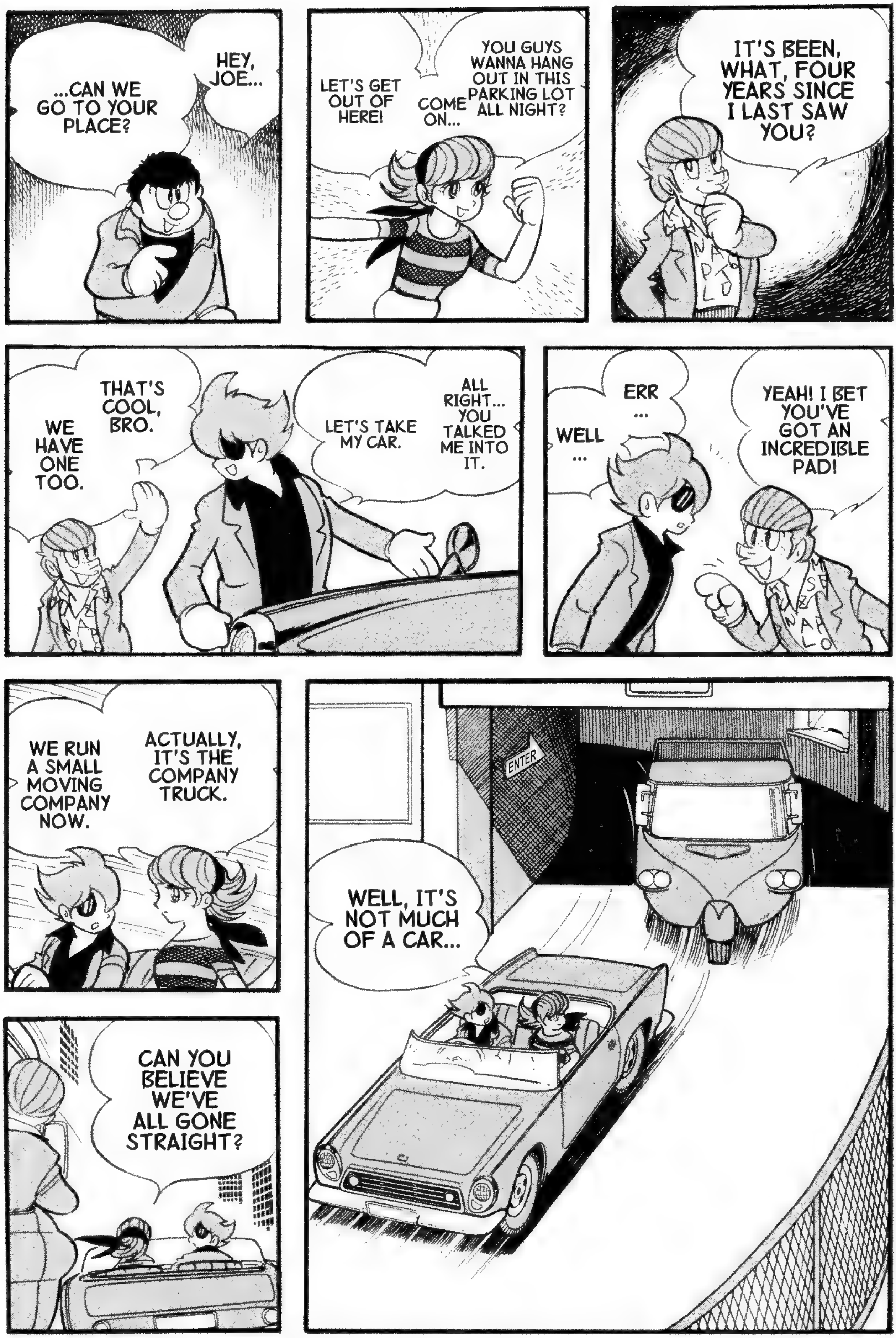
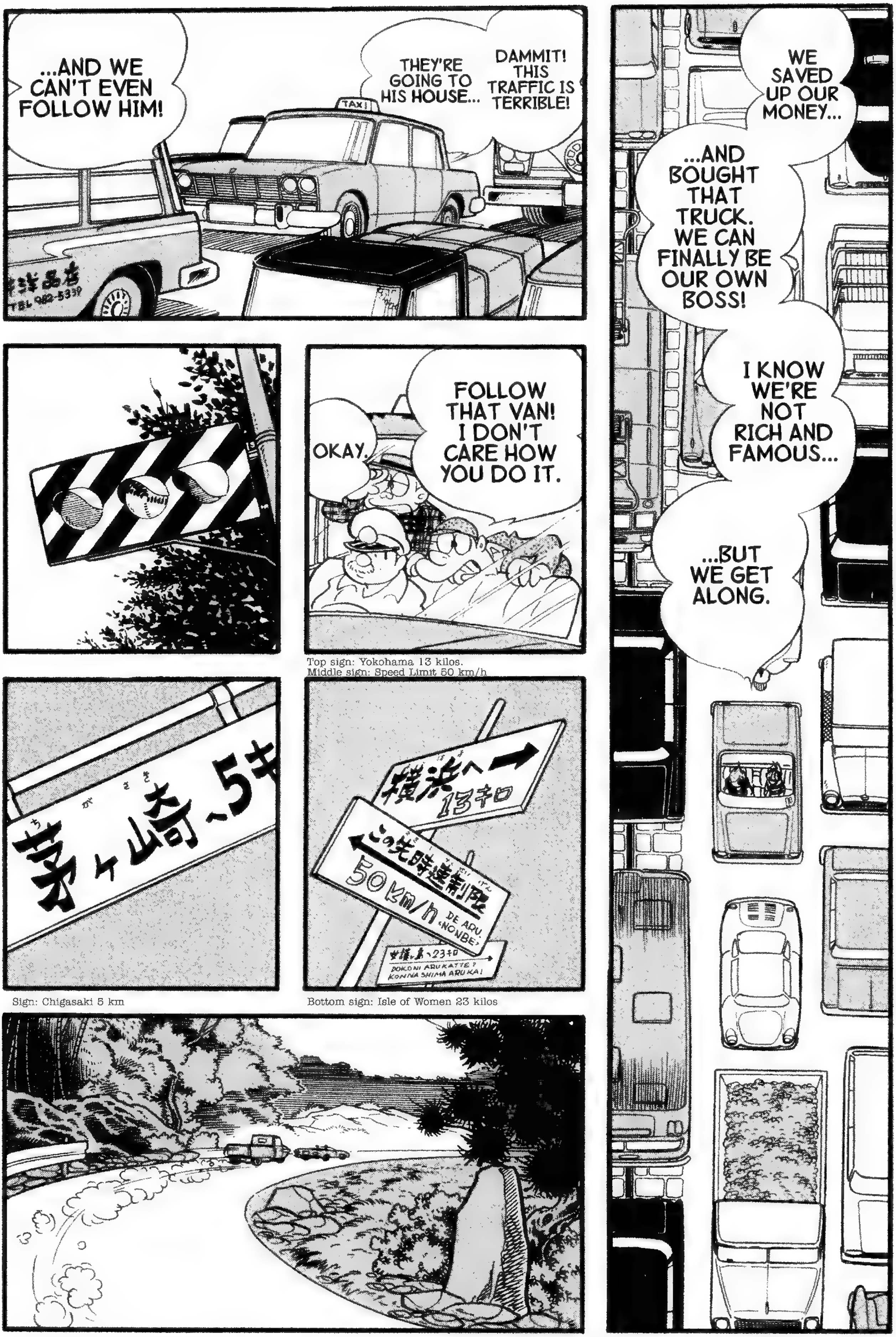
HEY! YOU'RE JOE, RIGHT?
JOE SHIMAMURA?
YEAH.
DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME?
KURIHAMA JUVENILE HALL? C'MON, MAN! THINK!
IBARAGI?
OYAMADA!
AND THIS IS...
...MARY!
YOU REMEMBER!
HA HA HA! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, JOE!
CHECK THAT OUT! WE'RE LEARNING DIRT ALREADY.
THIS HOTSHOT RACECAR DRIVER USED TO BE A JUVENILE DELINQUENT!
WHAT HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN UP TO?
HOW THE HELL HAVE YOU BEEN?
I MEAN BESIDES ALL THE FAME AND FORTUNE.

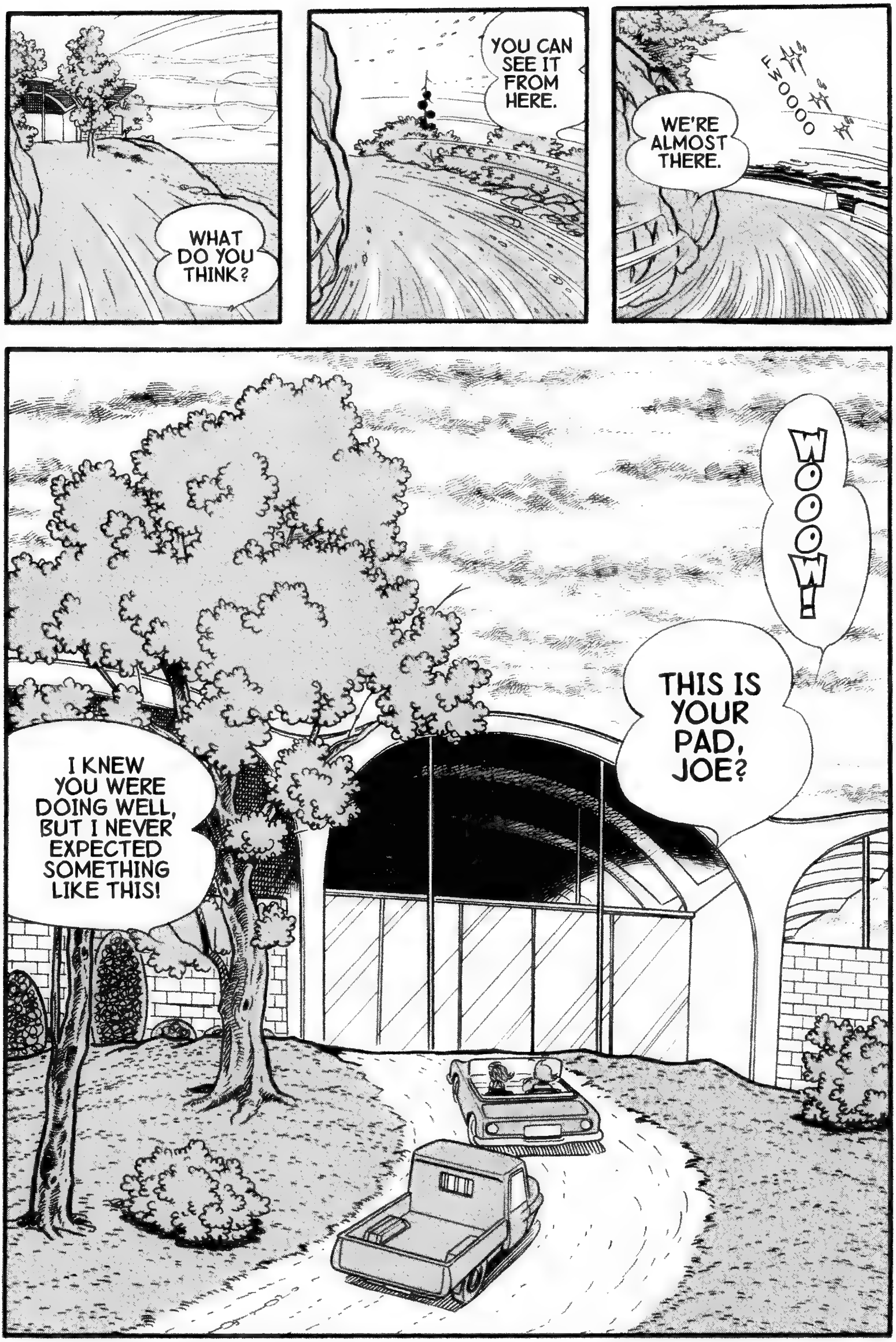

IT'S BEEN, WHAT, FOUR YEARS SINCE I LAST SAW YOU?
YOU GUYS WANNA HANG OUT IN THIS PARKING LOT ALL NIGHT?
COME ON...
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
HEY, JOE...
...CAN WE GO TO YOUR PLACE?
YEAH! I BET YOU'VE GOT AN INCREDIBLE PAD!
ERR ...
WELL ...
ALL RIGHT... YOU TALKED ME INTO IT.
LET'S TAKE MY CAR.
THAT'S COOL, BRO.
WE HAVE ONE TOO.
ENTER
WELL, IT'S NOT MUCH OF A CAR...
ACTUALLY, IT'S THE COMPANY TRUCK.
WE RUN A SMALL MOVING COMPANY NOW.
CAN YOU BELIEVE WE'VE ALL GONE STRAIGHT?

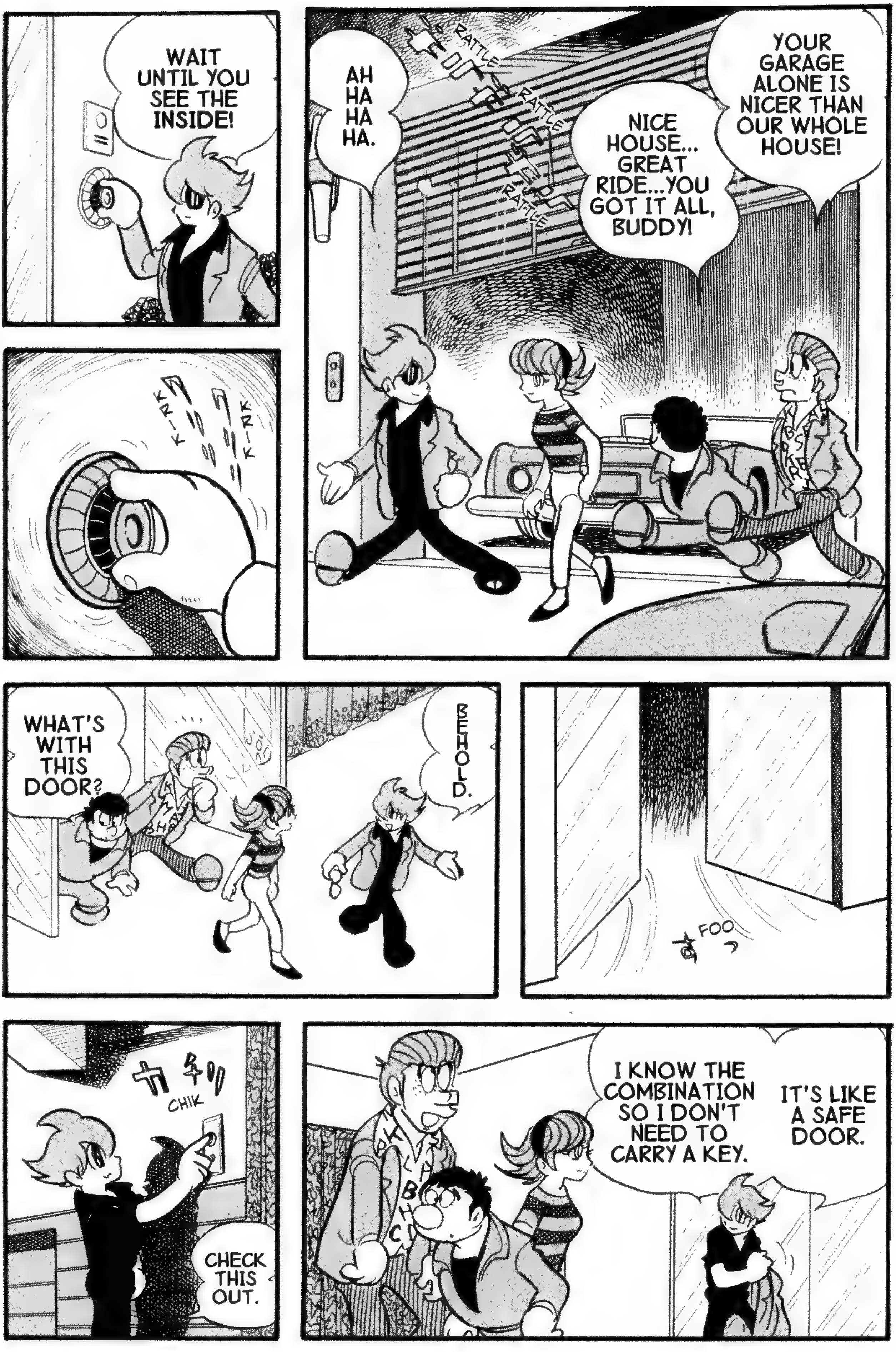

...AND WE CAN'T EVEN FOLLOW HIM!
THEY'RE GOING TO HIS HOUSE...
DAMMIT! THIS TRAFFIC IS TERRIBLE!
TAXI
TEL 982-5339
OKAY.
FOLLOW THAT VAN! I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT.
茅ヶ崎へ5キ
横浜へ 13キロ
この先時速制限 50km/h
DE ARU «NONBE»
女護ヶ島へ23キロ
DOKONI ARUKATTE? KONNA SHIMA ARUKA!
WE SAVED UP OUR MONEY...
...AND BOUGHT THAT TRUCK. WE CAN FINALLY BE OUR OWN BOSS!
I KNOW WE'RE NOT RICH AND FAMOUS...
...BUT WE GET ALONG.

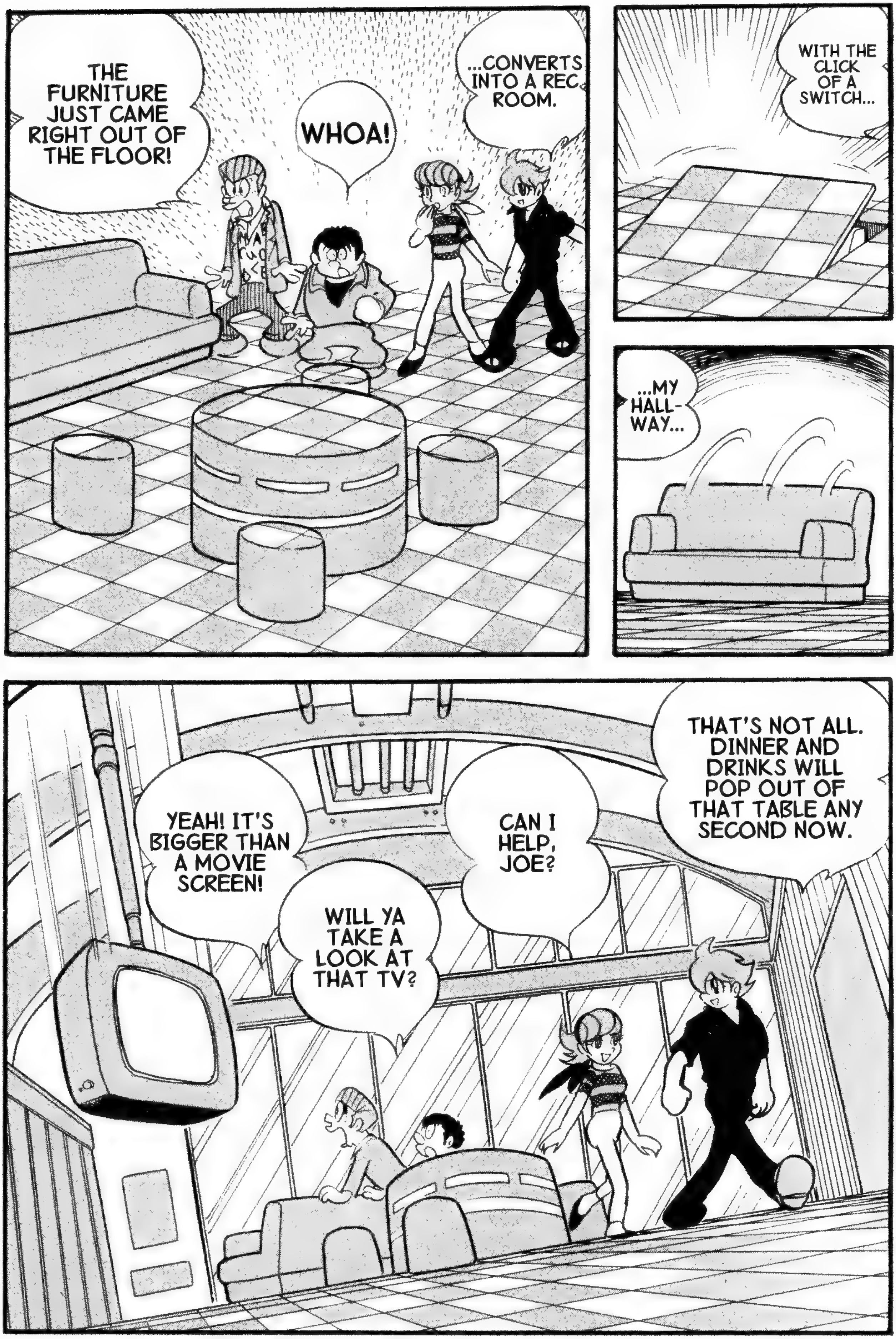
Top sign: Yokohama 13 kilos.
Middle sign: Speed Limit 50 km/h

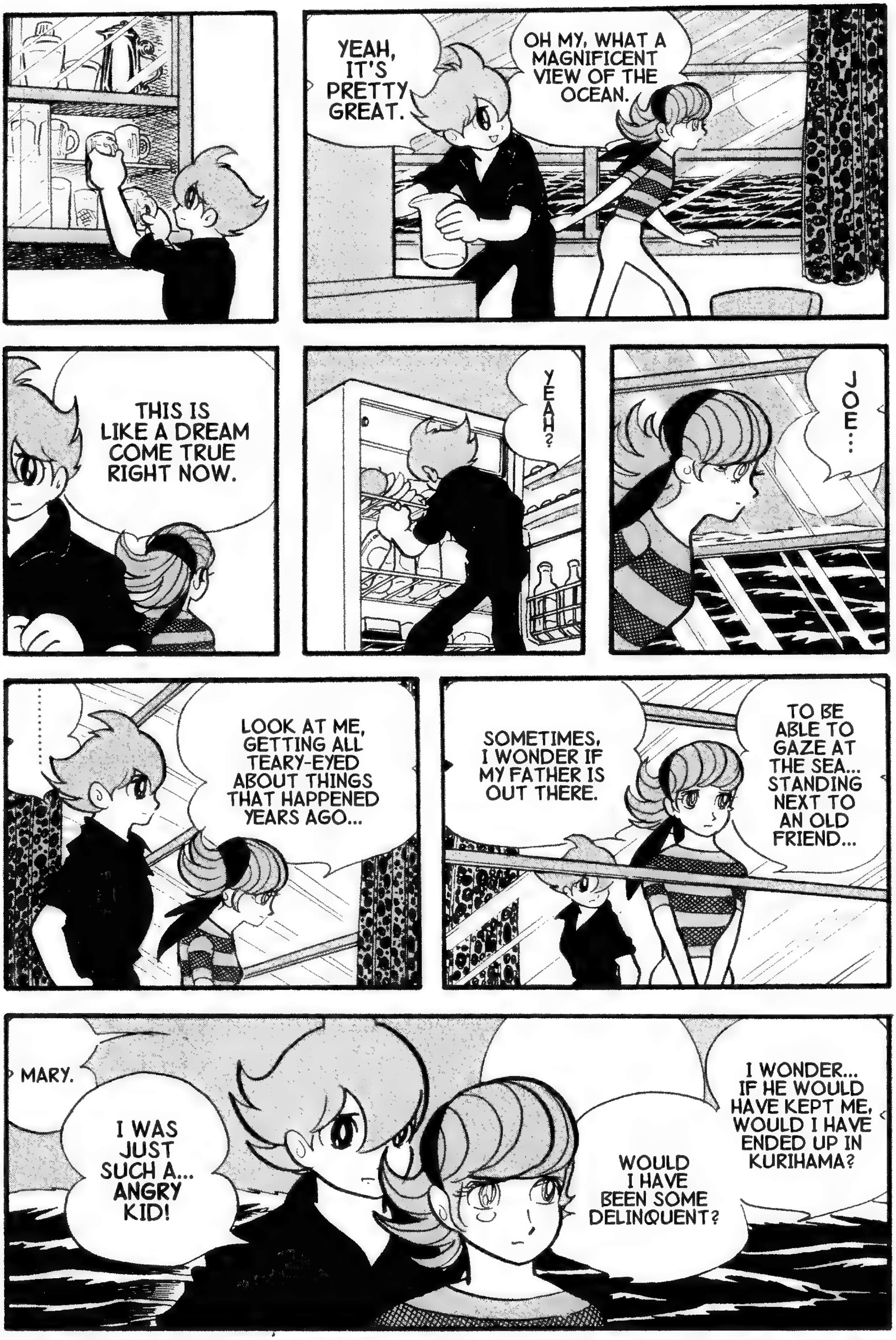
Sign: Chigasaki 5 km

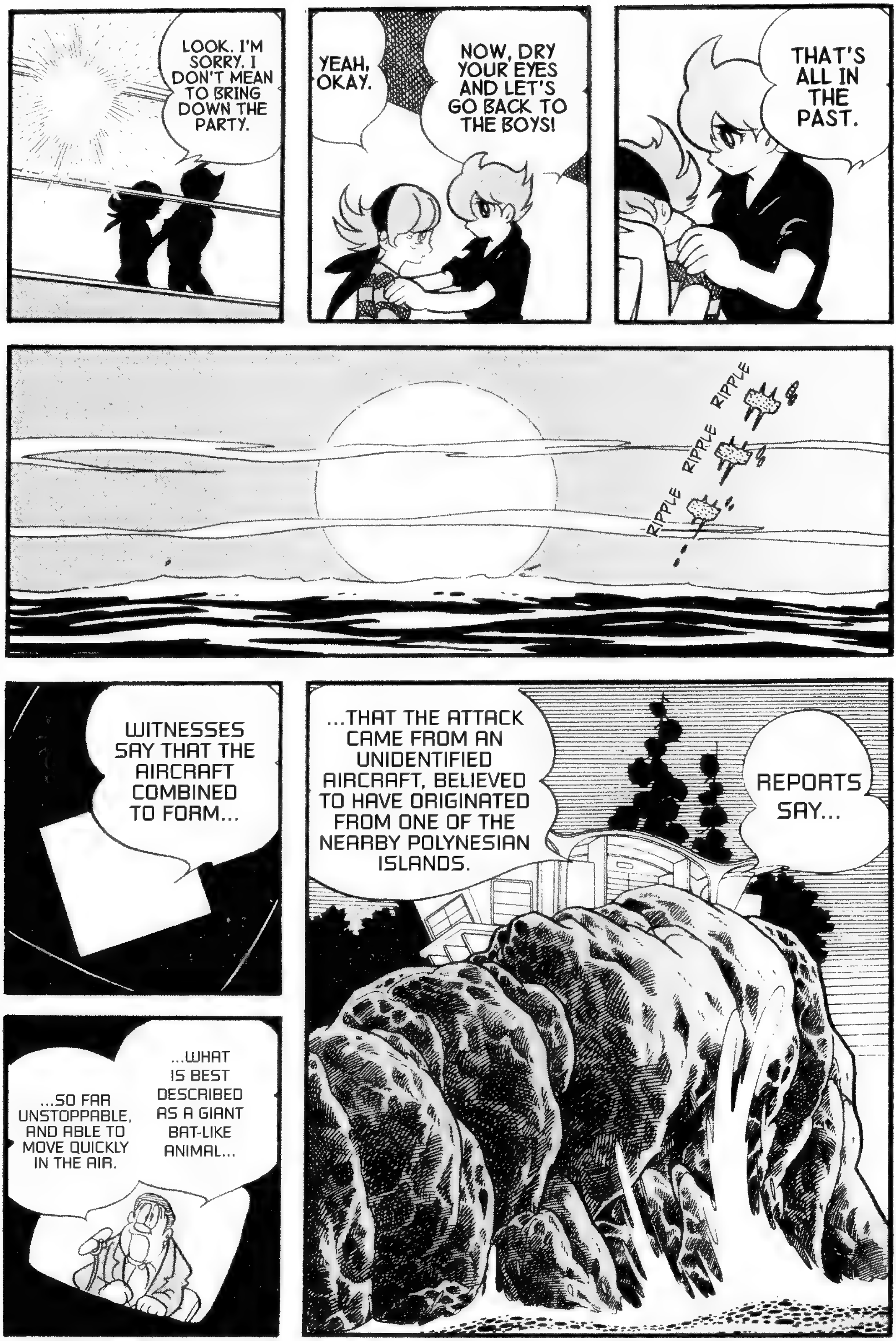
Bottom sign: Isle of Women 23 kilos

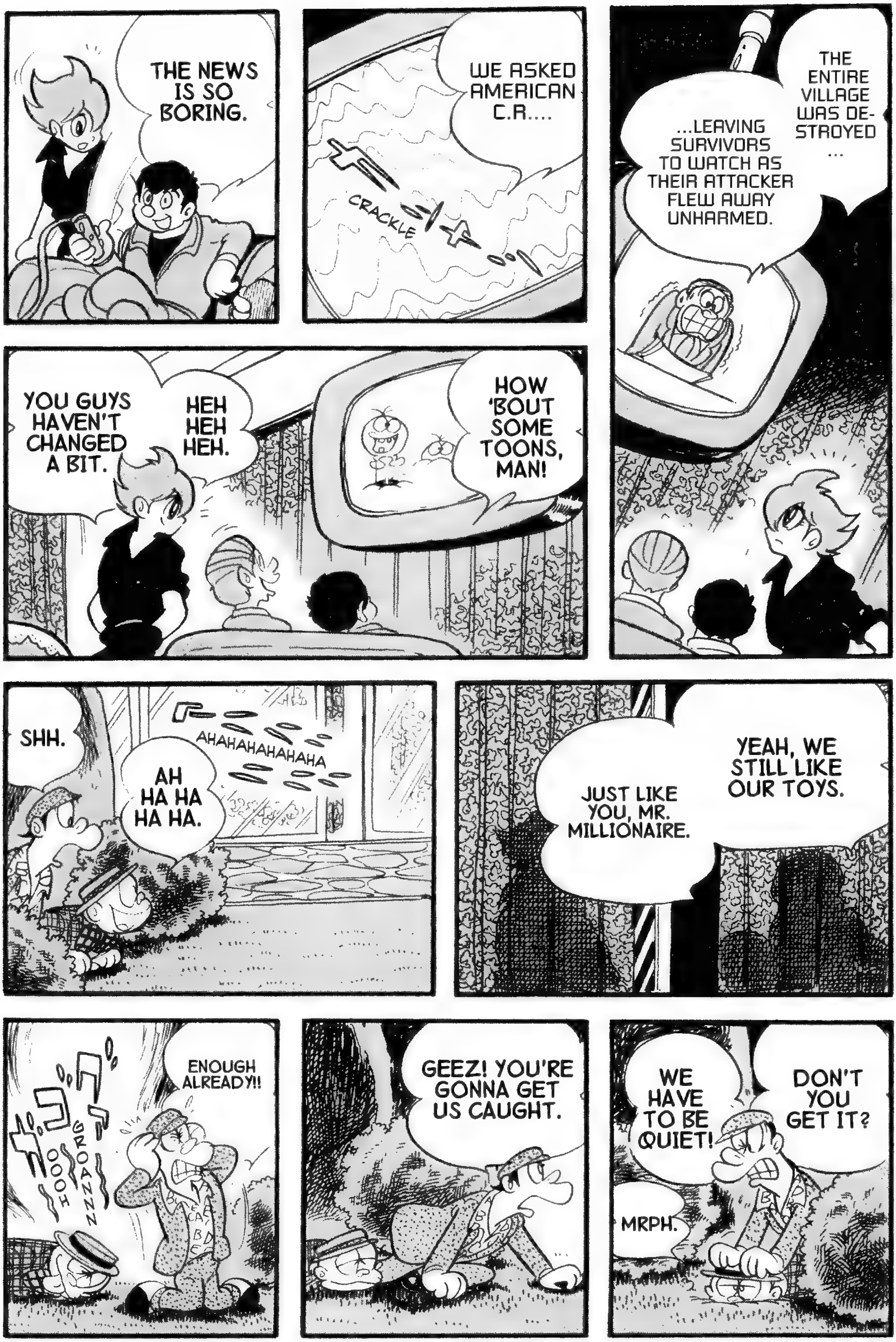

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
YOU CAN SEE IT FROM HERE.
FWOOOO
WE'RE ALMOST THERE.
WOOOOW!
THIS IS YOUR PAD, JOE?
I KNEW YOU WERE DOING WELL, BUT I NEVER EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS!

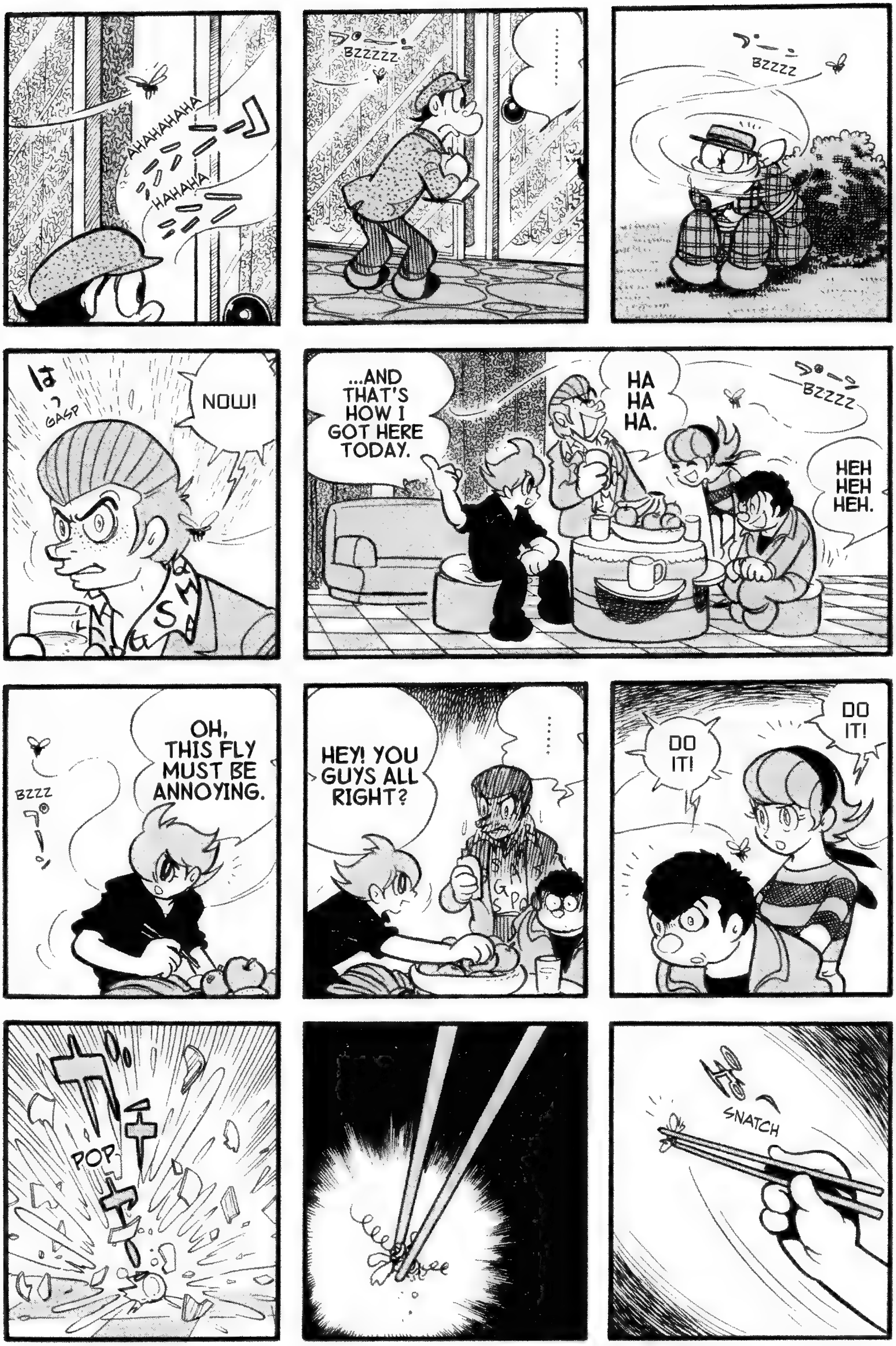

WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE INSIDE!
KRIK KRIK
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE
YOUR GARAGE ALONE IS NICER THAN OUR WHOLE HOUSE!
NICE HOUSE... GREAT RIDE...YOU GOT IT ALL, BUDDY!
AH HA HA HA.
WHAT'S WITH THIS DOOR?
BEHOLD.
FOO
CHIK
CHECK THIS OUT.
IT'S LIKE A SAFE DOOR.
I KNOW THE COMBINATION SO I DON'T NEED TO CARRY A KEY.

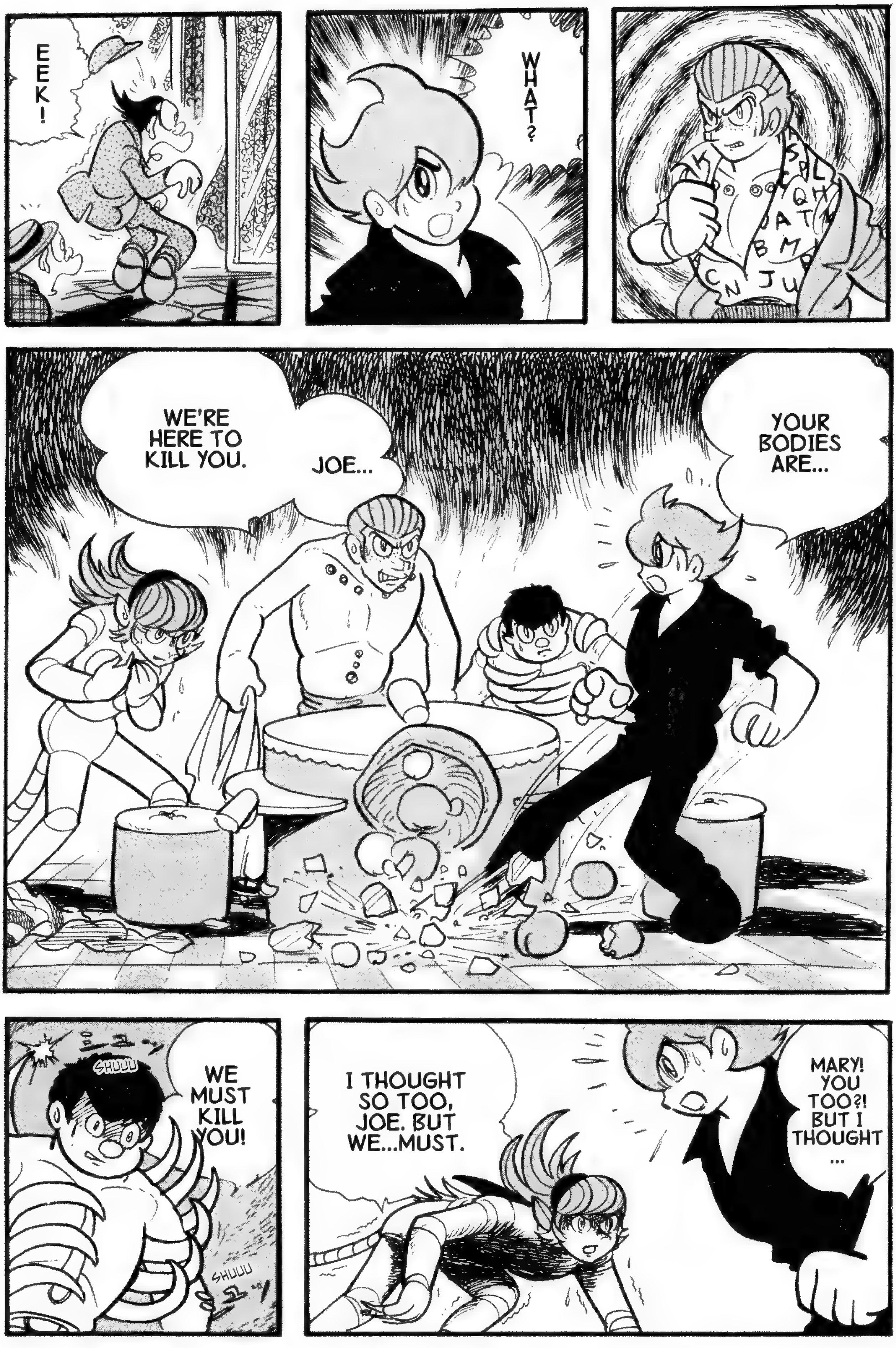

WITH THE CLICK OF A SWITCH...
...MY HALLWAY...
...CONVERTS INTO A REC ROOM.
WHOA!
THE FURNITURE JUST CAME RIGHT OUT OF THE FLOOR!
THAT'S NOT ALL. DINNER AND DRINKS WILL POP OUT OF THAT TABLE ANY SECOND NOW.
CAN I HELP, JOE?
WILL YA TAKE A LOOK AT THAT TV?
YEAH! IT'S BIGGER THAN A MOVIE SCREEN!

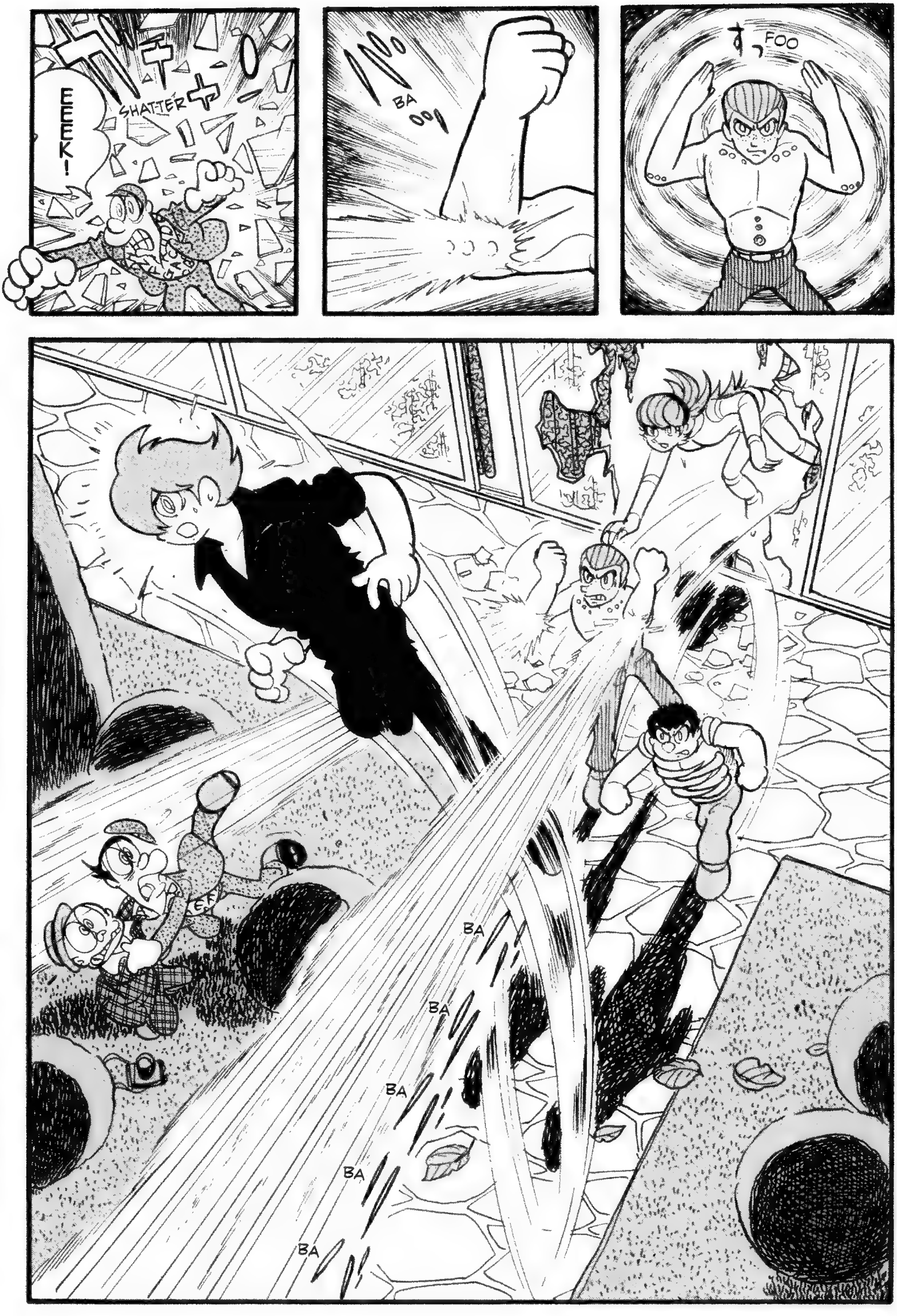

OH MY, WHAT A MAGNIFICENT VIEW OF THE OCEAN.
YEAH, IT'S PRETTY GREAT.
THIS IS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE RIGHT NOW.
YEAH?
JOE…
……
LOOK AT ME, GETTING ALL TEARY-EYED ABOUT THINGS THAT HAPPENED YEARS AGO…
TO BE ABLE TO GAZE AT THE SEA… STANDING NEXT TO AN OLD FRIEND…
SOMETIMES, I WONDER IF MY FATHER IS OUT THERE.
I WONDER… IF HE WOULD HAVE KEPT ME, WOULD I HAVE ENDED UP IN KURIHAMA?
WOULD I HAVE BEEN SOME DELINQUENT?
MARY.
I WAS JUST SUCH A… ANGRY KID!


THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST.
NOW, DRY YOUR EYES AND LET'S GO BACK TO THE BOYS!
YEAH, OKAY.
LOOK. I'M SORRY. I DON'T MEAN TO BRING DOWN THE PARTY.
RIPPLE RIPPLE RIPPLE
REPORTS SAY...
...THAT THE ATTACK CAME FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT, BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED FROM ONE OF THE NEARBY POLYNESIAN ISLANDS.
WITNESSES SAY THAT THE AIRCRAFT COMBINED TO FORM...
...WHAT IS BEST DESCRIBED AS A GIANT BAT-LIKE ANIMAL...
...SO FAR UNSTOPPABLE, AND ABLE TO MOVE QUICKLY IN THE AIR.


THE NEWS IS SO BORING.
WE ASKED AMERICAN C.A....
CRACKLE
THE ENTIRE VILLAGE WAS DESTROYED ...
...LEAVING SURVIVORS TO WATCH AS THEIR ATTACKER FLEW AWAY UNHARMED.
HOW 'BOUT SOME TOONS, MAN!
HEH HEH HEH.
YOU GUYS HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT.
AHAHAHAHAHAHA
AH HA HA HA HA.
SHH.
YEAH, WE STILL LIKE OUR TOYS.
JUST LIKE YOU, MR. MILLIONAIRE.
GROANNN
OOOH
ENOUGH ALREADY!!
GEEZ! YOU'RE GONNA GET US CAUGHT.
DON'T YOU GET IT?
WE HAVE TO BE QUIET!
MRPH.


AHAHAHAHA
HAHAHA
BZZZZZ
......
BZZZZ
はっ
GASP
NOW!
...AND THAT'S HOW I GOT HERE TODAY.
HA HA HA.
BZZZZ
HEH HEH HEH.
BZZZ
OH, THIS FLY MUST BE ANNOYING.
HEY! YOU GUYS ALL RIGHT?
......
DO IT!
DO IT!
POP
SNATCH


EEK!
WHAT?
YOUR BODIES ARE...
JOE...
WE'RE HERE TO KILL YOU.
SHUUU
WE MUST KILL YOU!
SHUUU
MARY! YOU TOO?! BUT I THOUGHT ...
I THOUGHT SO TOO, JOE. BUT WE...MUST.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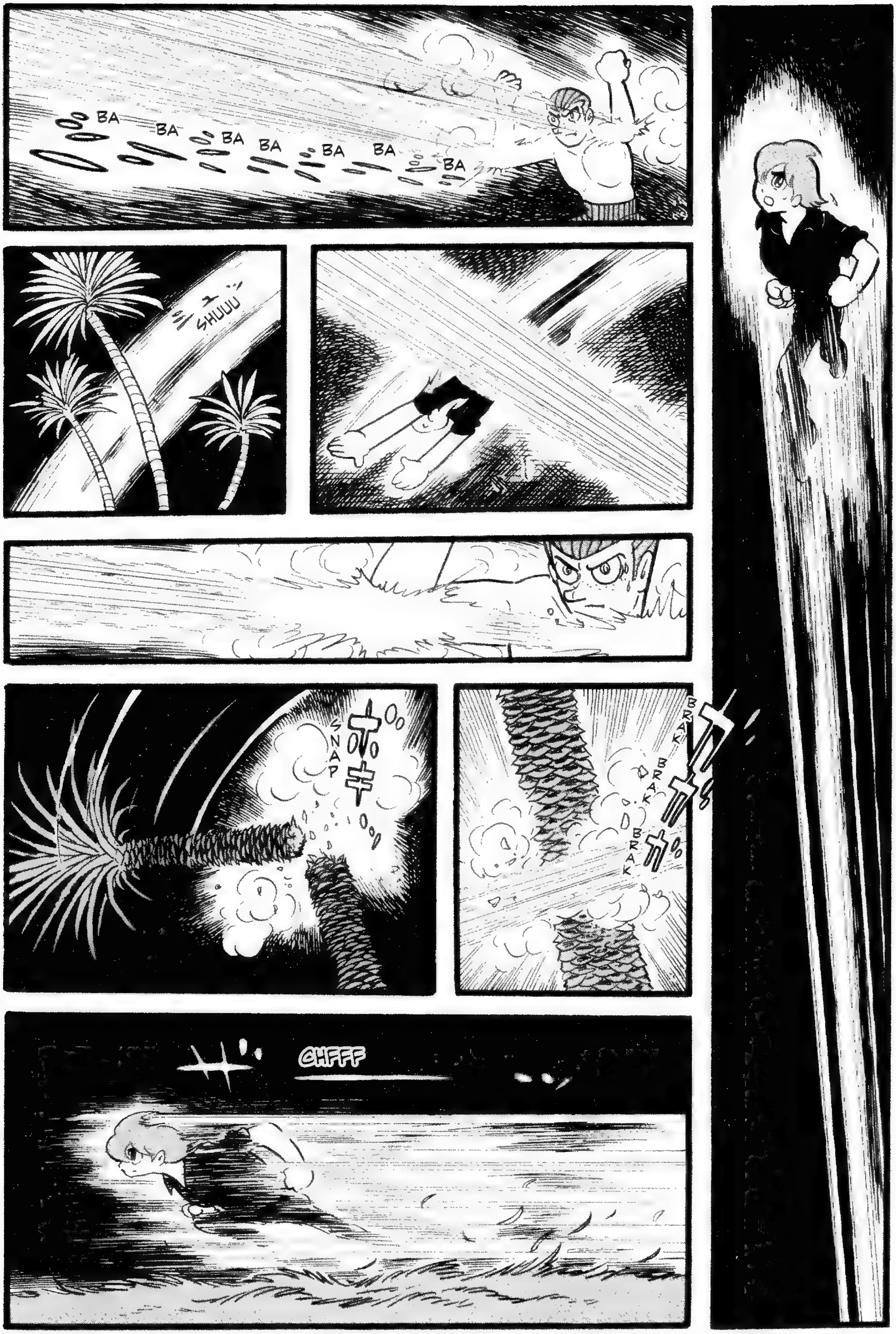
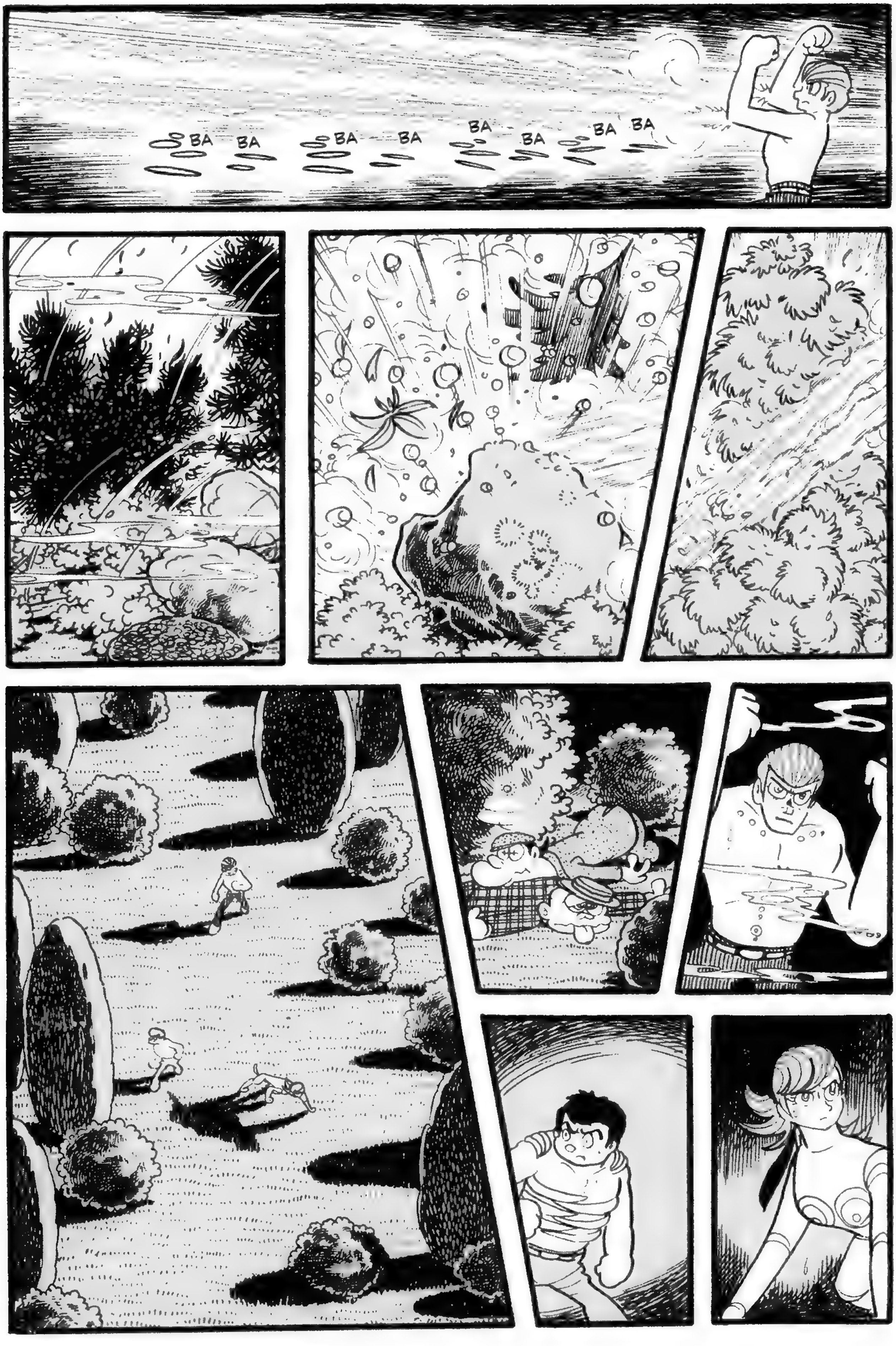
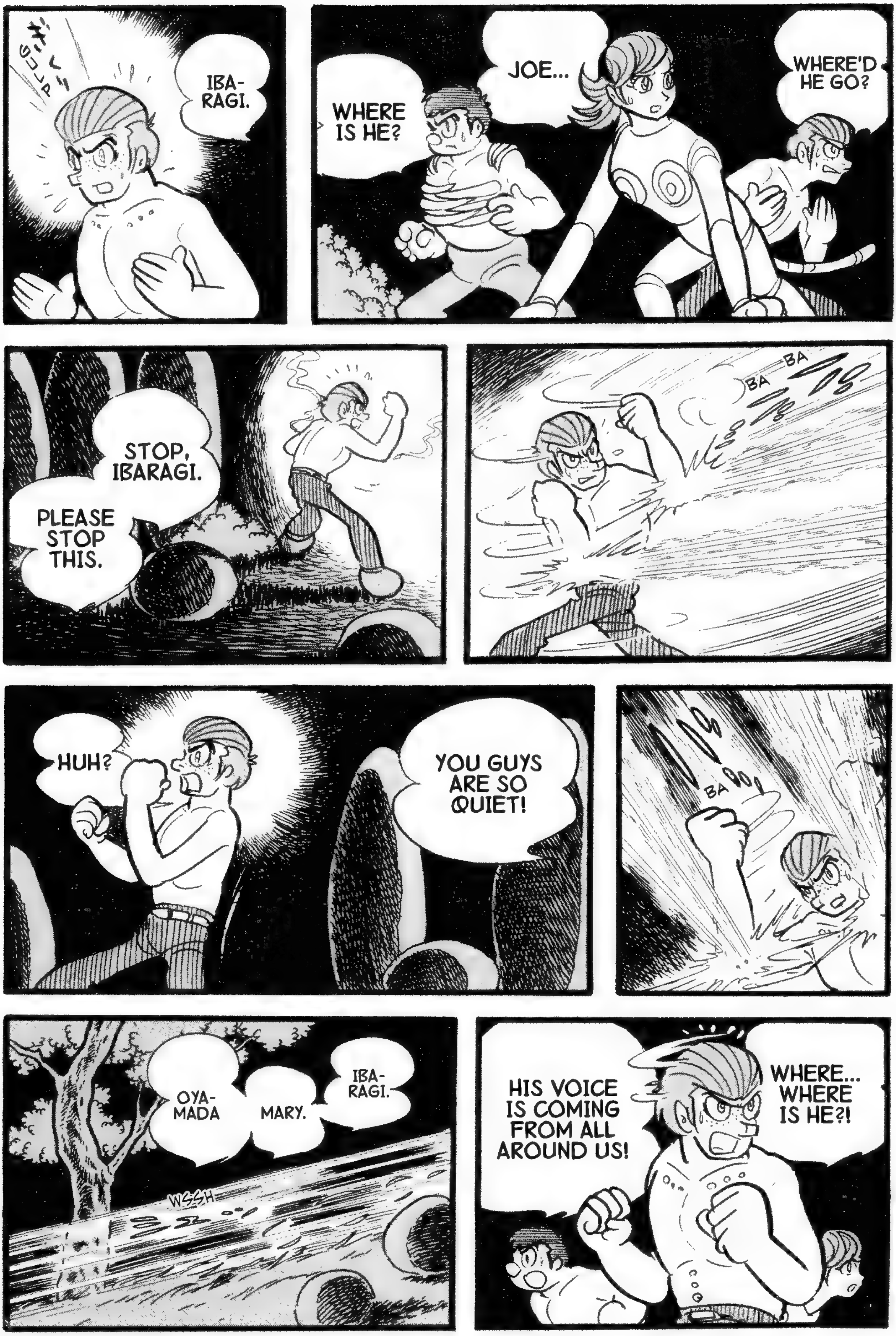
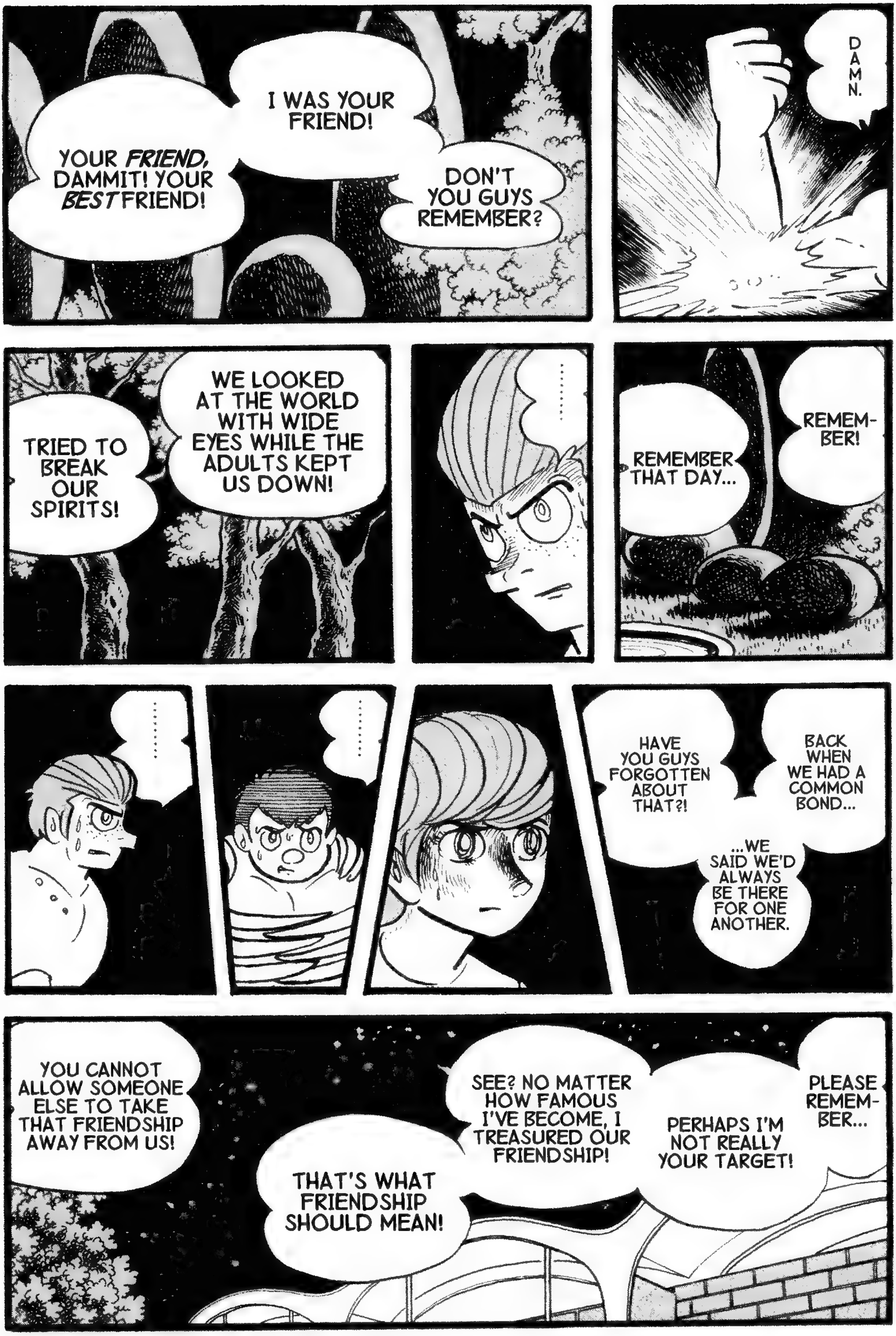
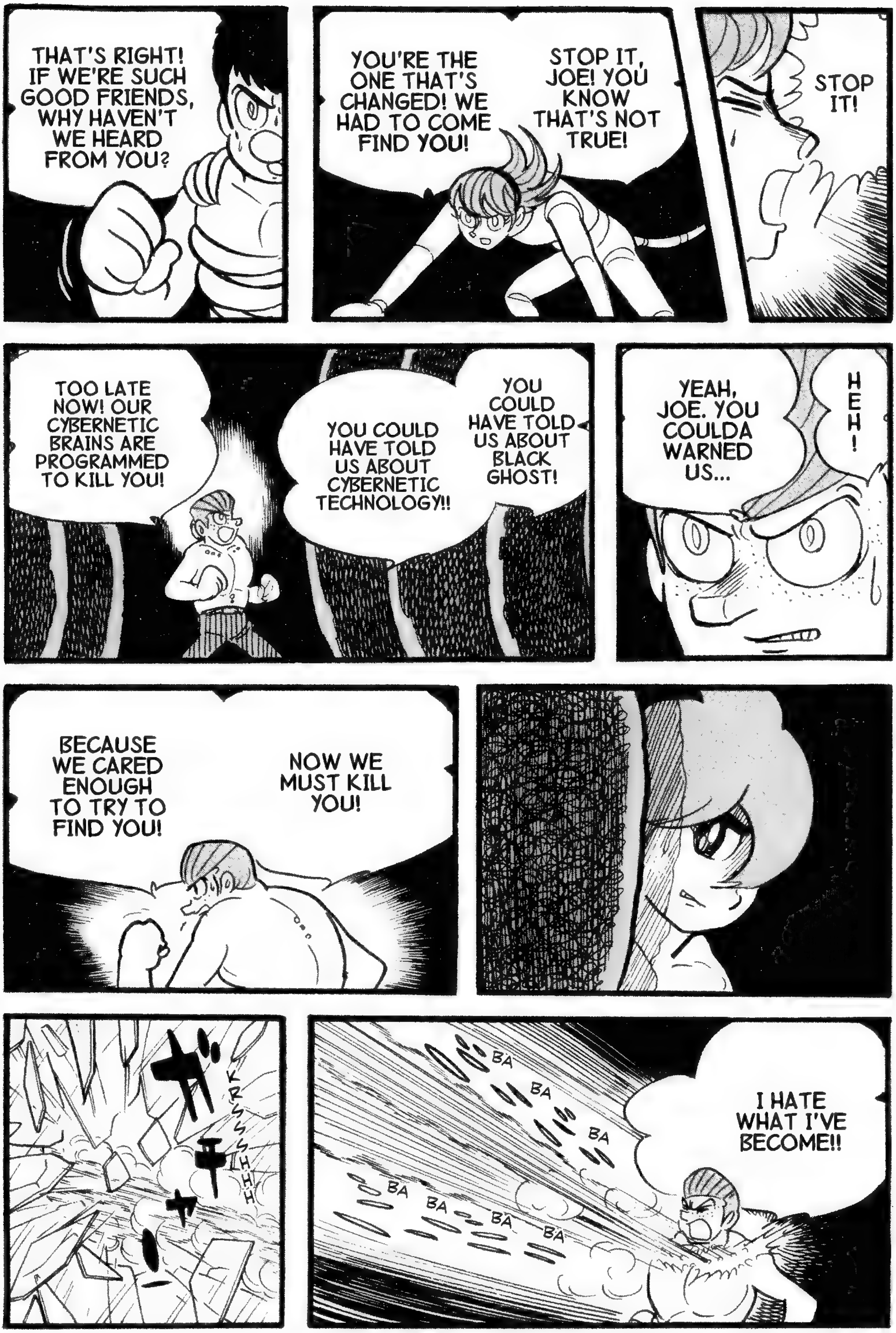
FOO
BA
EEEEK!
SHATTER
EF
BA
BA
BA
BA
BA

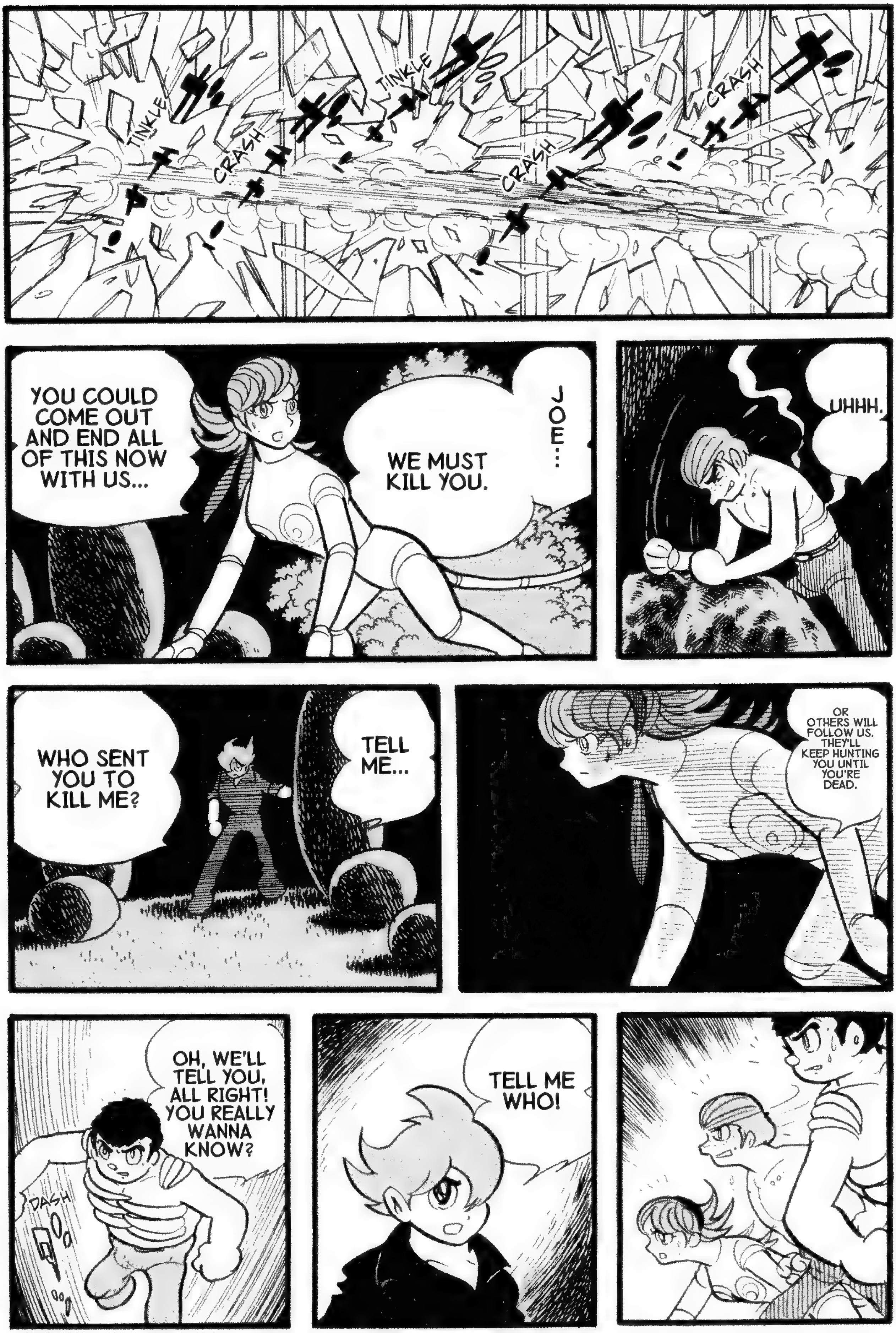

BA BA BA BA BA BA BA
SHUUU
SNAP
BRAK BRAK BRAK
CHFFF

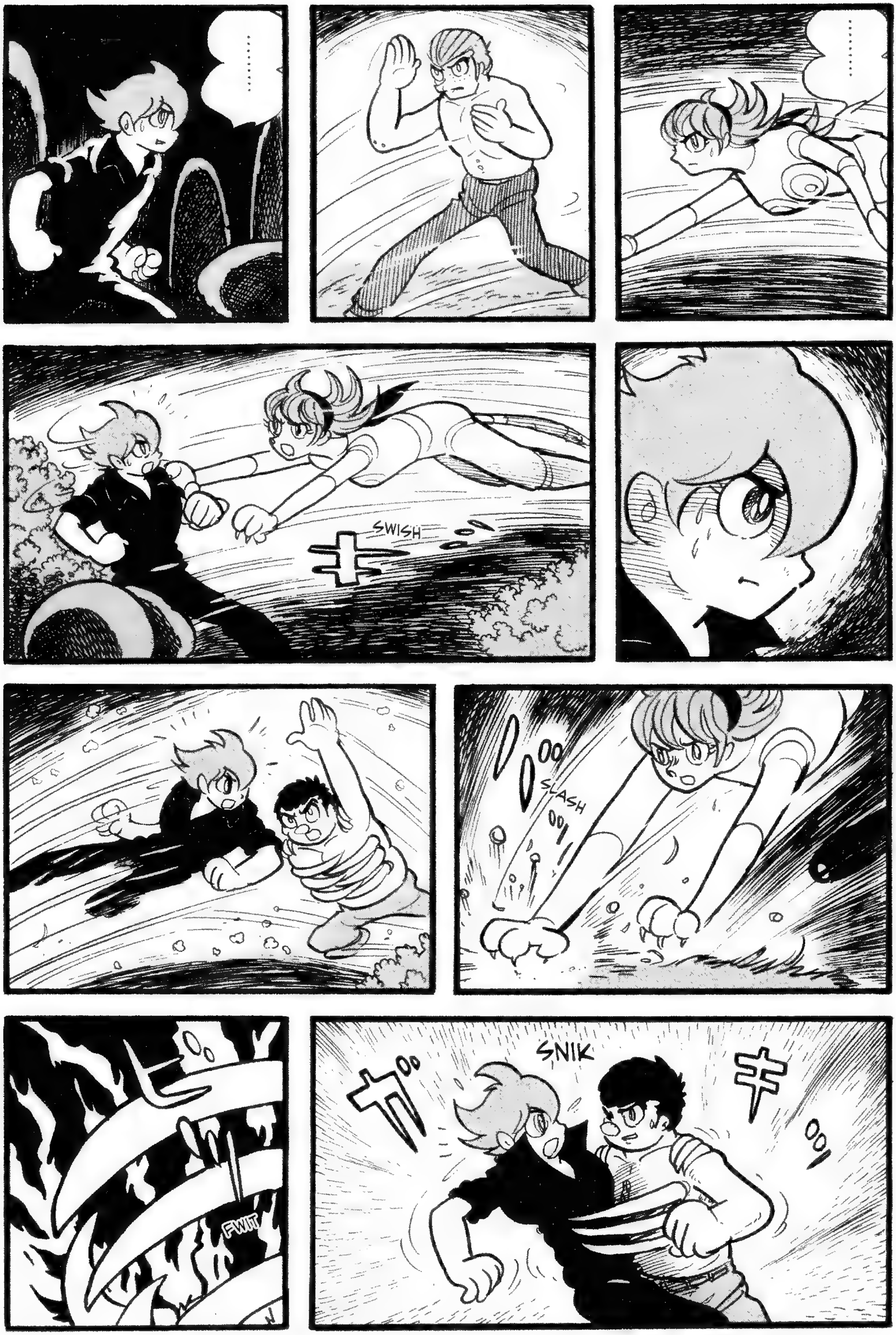

BA BA BA BA BA BA BA BA

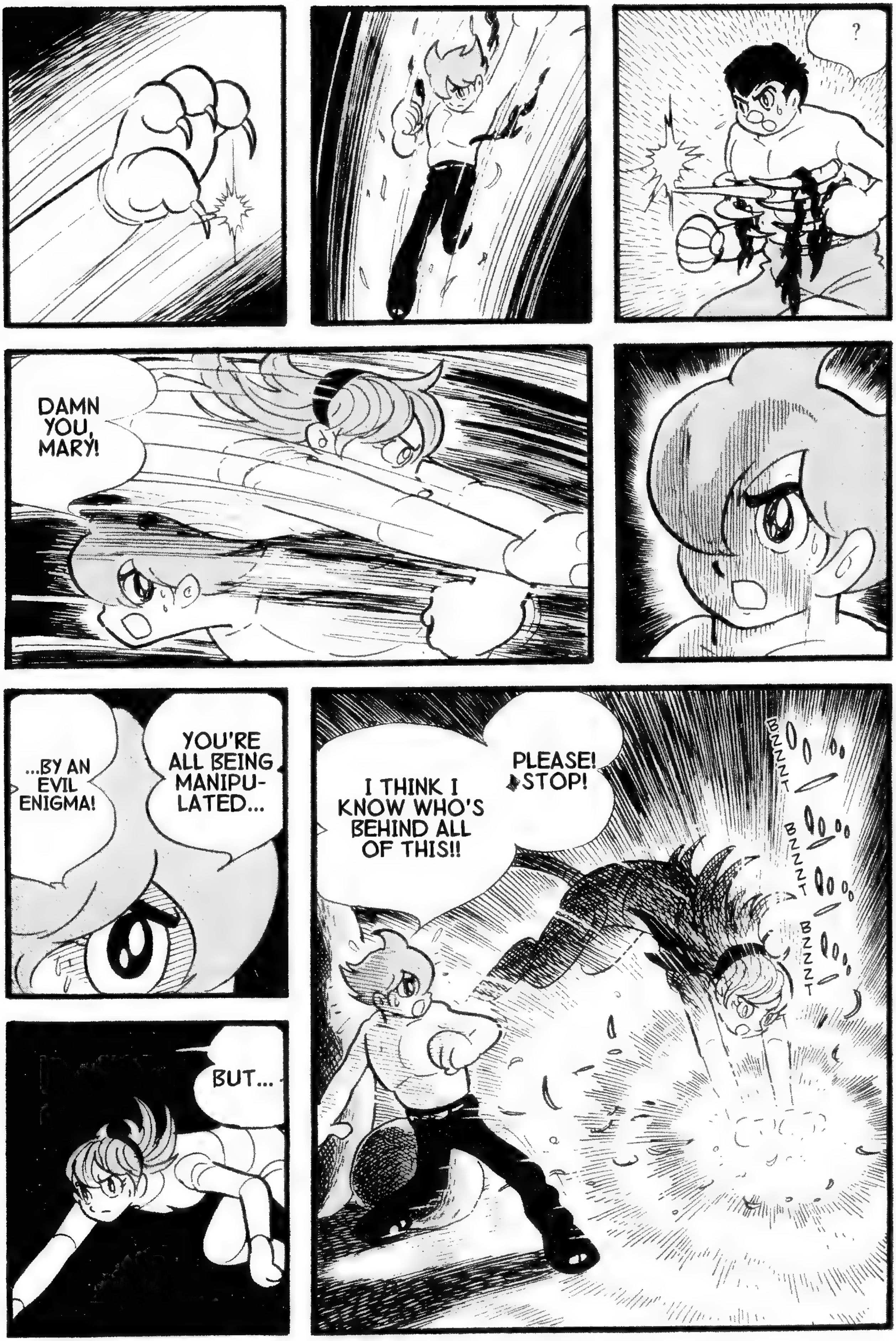

WHERE'D HE GO?
JOE...
WHERE IS HE?
IBARAGI.
ギクッ
GULP
BA BA
STOP, IBARAGI.
PLEASE STOP THIS.
BA
YOU GUYS ARE SO QUIET!
HUH?
WHERE... WHERE IS HE?!
HIS VOICE IS COMING FROM ALL AROUND US!
IBARAGI.
MARY.
OYAMADA
WSSH

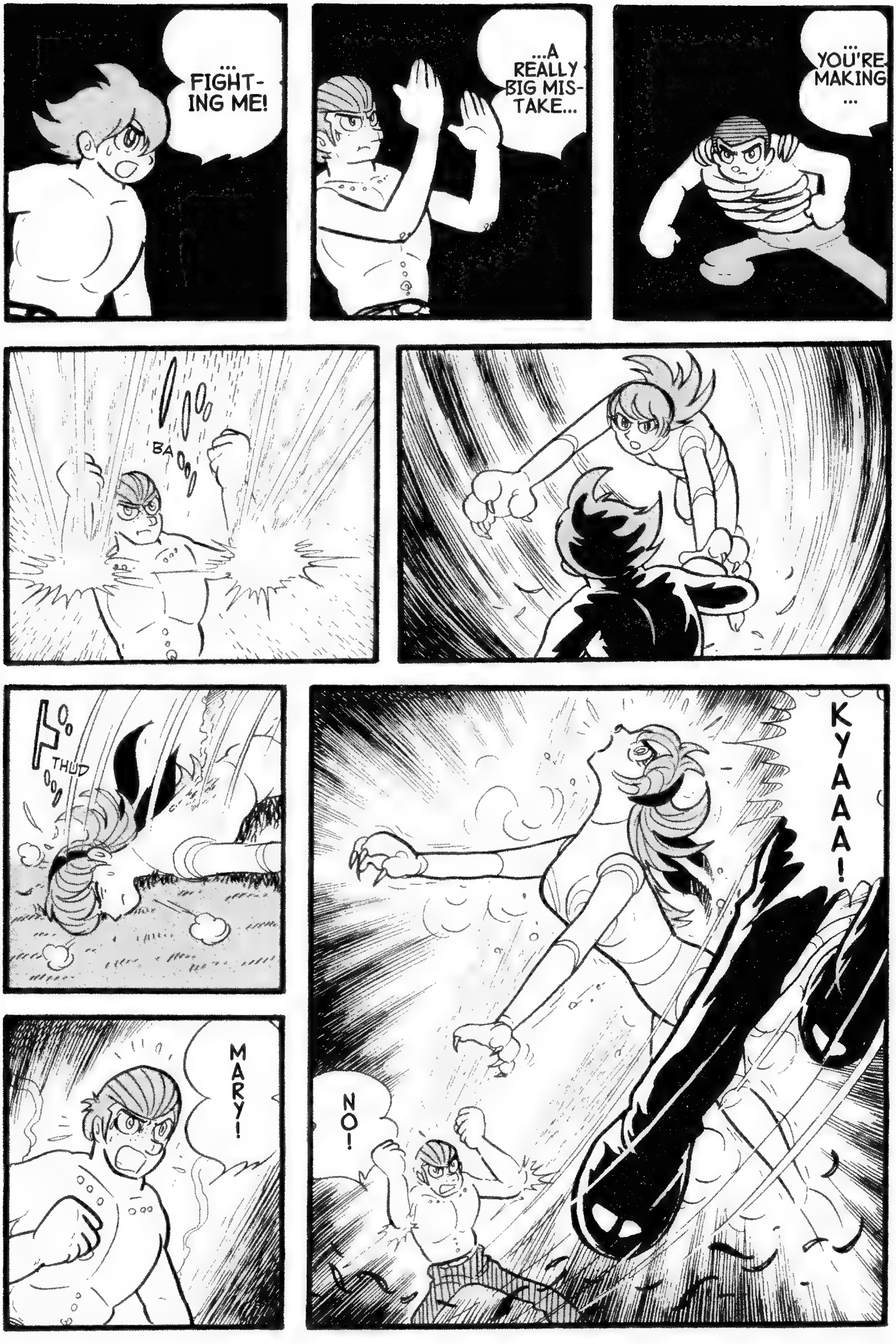

DAMN.
DON'T YOU GUYS REMEMBER?
I WAS YOUR FRIEND!
YOUR *FRIEND*, DAMMIT! YOUR *BEST* FRIEND!
REMEMBER!
REMEMBER THAT DAY...
....
WE LOOKED AT THE WORLD WITH WIDE EYES WHILE THE ADULTS KEPT US DOWN!
TRIED TO BREAK OUR SPIRITS!
BACK WHEN WE HAD A COMMON BOND...
...WE SAID WE'D ALWAYS BE THERE FOR ONE ANOTHER.
HAVE YOU GUYS FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT?!
....
....
PLEASE REMEMBER...
PERHAPS I'M NOT REALLY YOUR TARGET!
SEE? NO MATTER HOW FAMOUS I'VE BECOME, I TREASURED OUR FRIENDSHIP!
THAT'S WHAT FRIENDSHIP SHOULD MEAN!
YOU CANNOT ALLOW SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE THAT FRIENDSHIP AWAY FROM US!

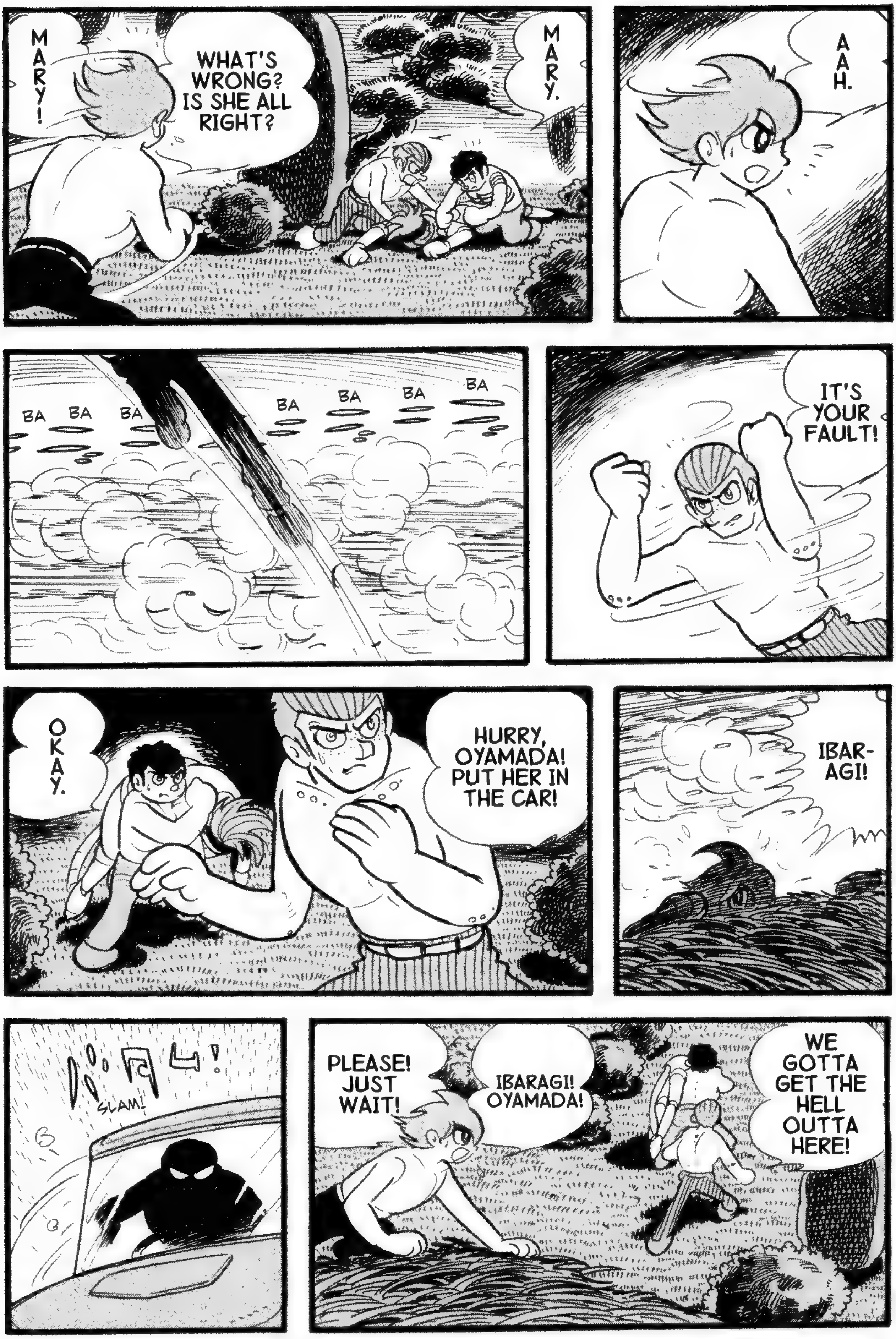

STOP IT!
STOP IT, JOE! YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE!
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S CHANGED! WE HAD TO COME FIND YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT! IF WE'RE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS, WHY HAVEN'T WE HEARD FROM YOU?
HEH!
YEAH, JOE. YOU COULDA WARNED US...
YOU COULD HAVE TOLD US ABOUT BLACK GHOST!
YOU COULD HAVE TOLD US ABOUT CYBERNETIC TECHNOLOGY!!
TOO LATE NOW! OUR CYBERNETIC BRAINS ARE PROGRAMMED TO KILL YOU!
NOW WE MUST KILL YOU!
BECAUSE WE CARED ENOUGH TO TRY TO FIND YOU!
I HATE WHAT I'VE BECOME!!
BA BA BA
BA BA BA BA
KRSSSHHH

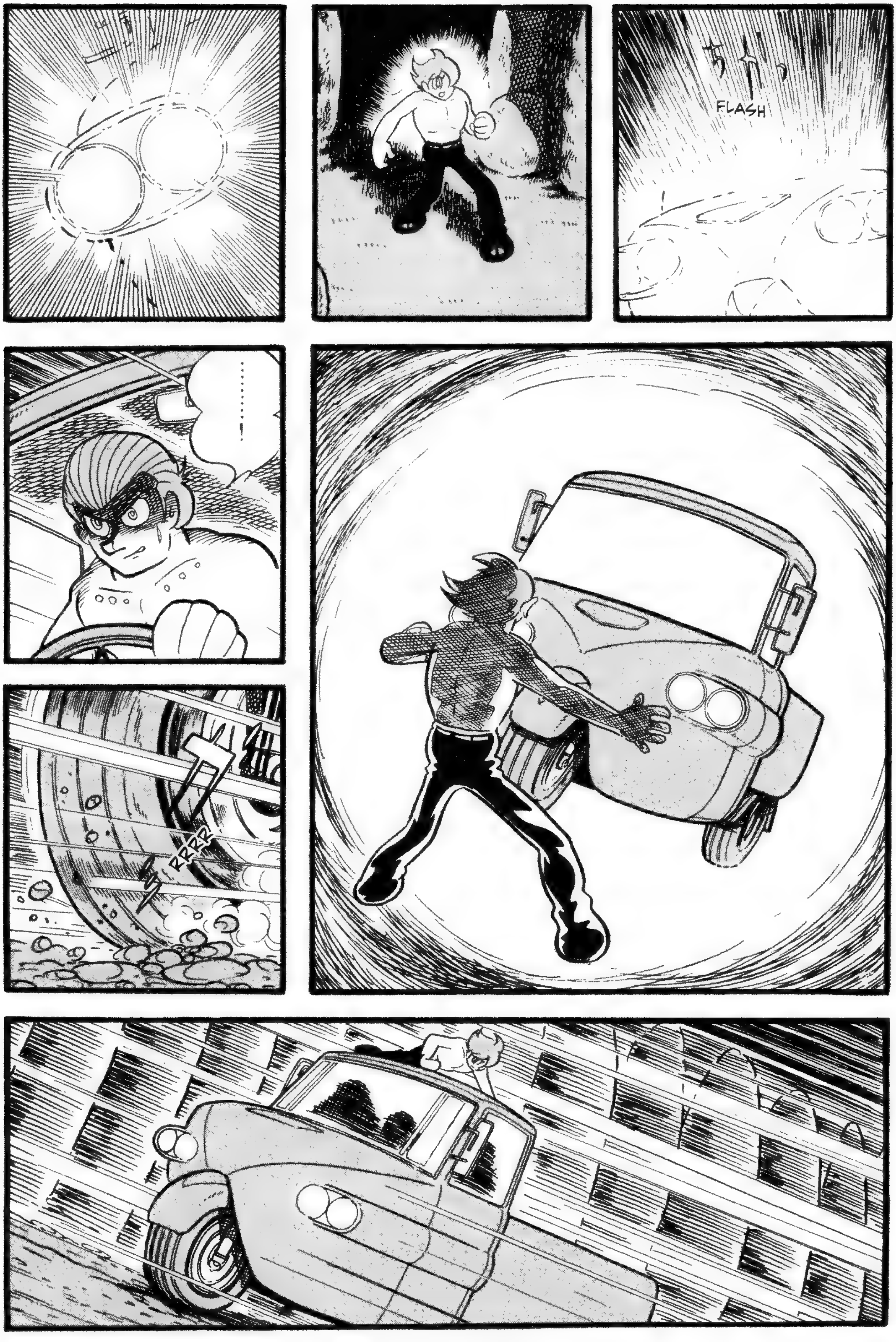

CRASH
CRASH
TINKLE
CRASH
TINKLE
UHHH.
JOE...
WE MUST KILL YOU.
YOU COULD COME OUT AND END ALL OF THIS NOW WITH US...
OR OTHERS WILL FOLLOW US. THEY'LL KEEP HUNTING YOU UNTIL YOU'RE DEAD.
TELL ME...
WHO SENT YOU TO KILL ME?
TELL ME WHO!
OH, WE'LL TELL YOU, ALL RIGHT! YOU REALLY WANNA KNOW?
DASH

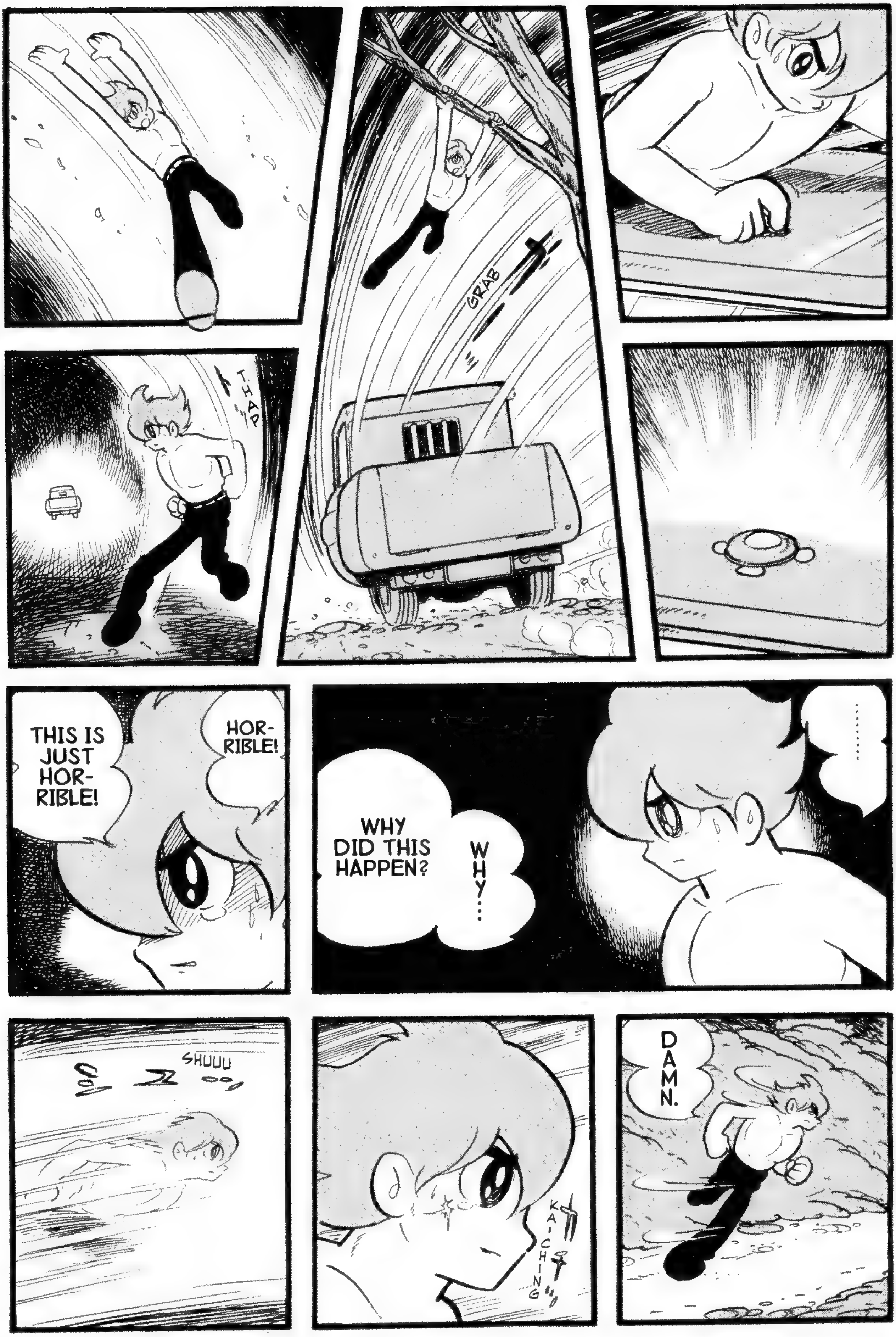

....
....
SWISH
SLASH
FWIT
SNIK

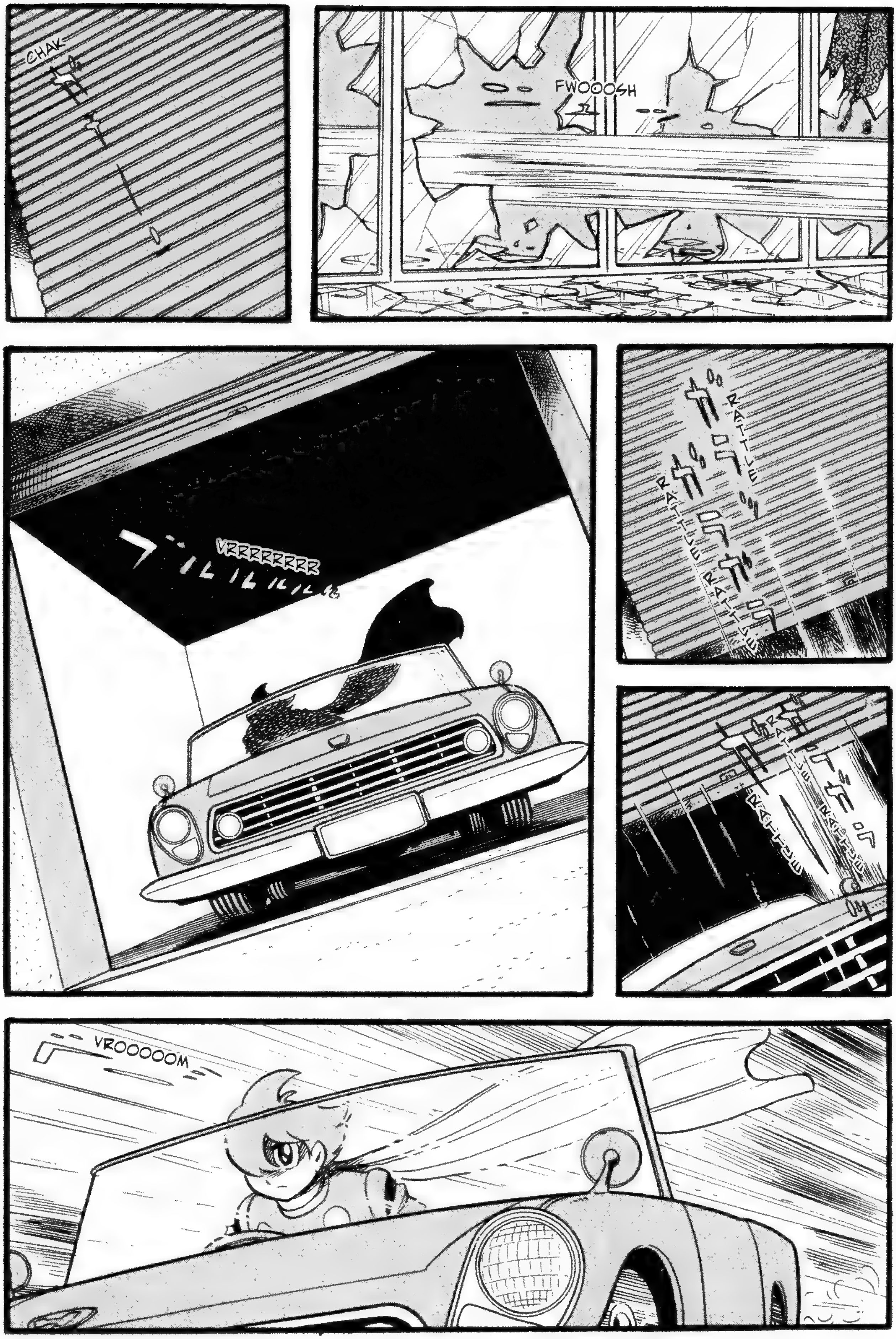

?
DAMN YOU, MARY!
PLEASE! STOP!
I THINK I KNOW WHO'S BEHIND ALL OF THIS!!
BZZZT
BZZZT
BZZZT
YOU'RE ALL BEING MANIPULATED...
...BY AN EVIL ENIGMA!
BUT...

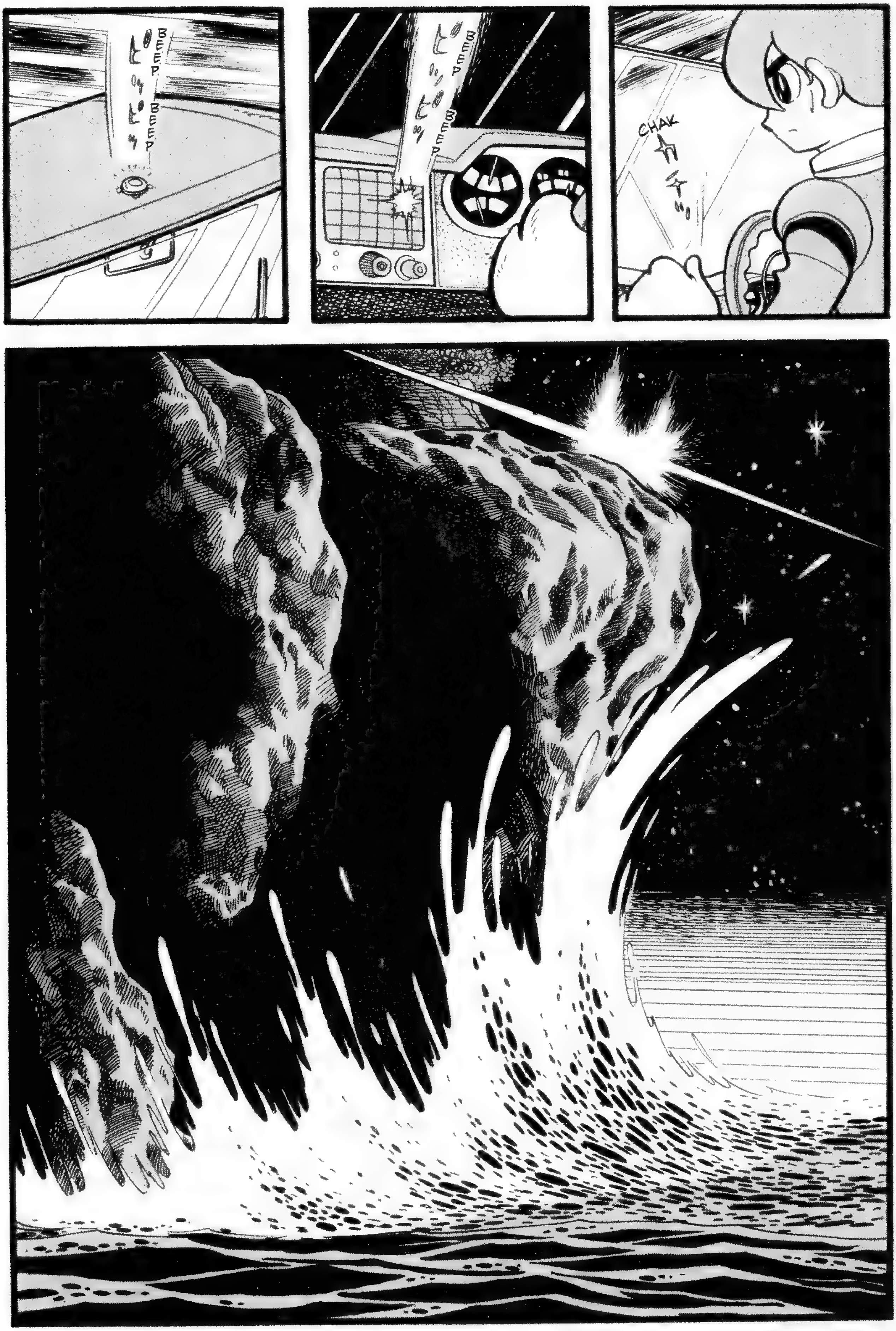

...YOU'RE MAKING...
...A REALLY BIG MISTAKE...
...FIGHTING ME!
BA
KYAAAA!
NO!
THUD
MARY!

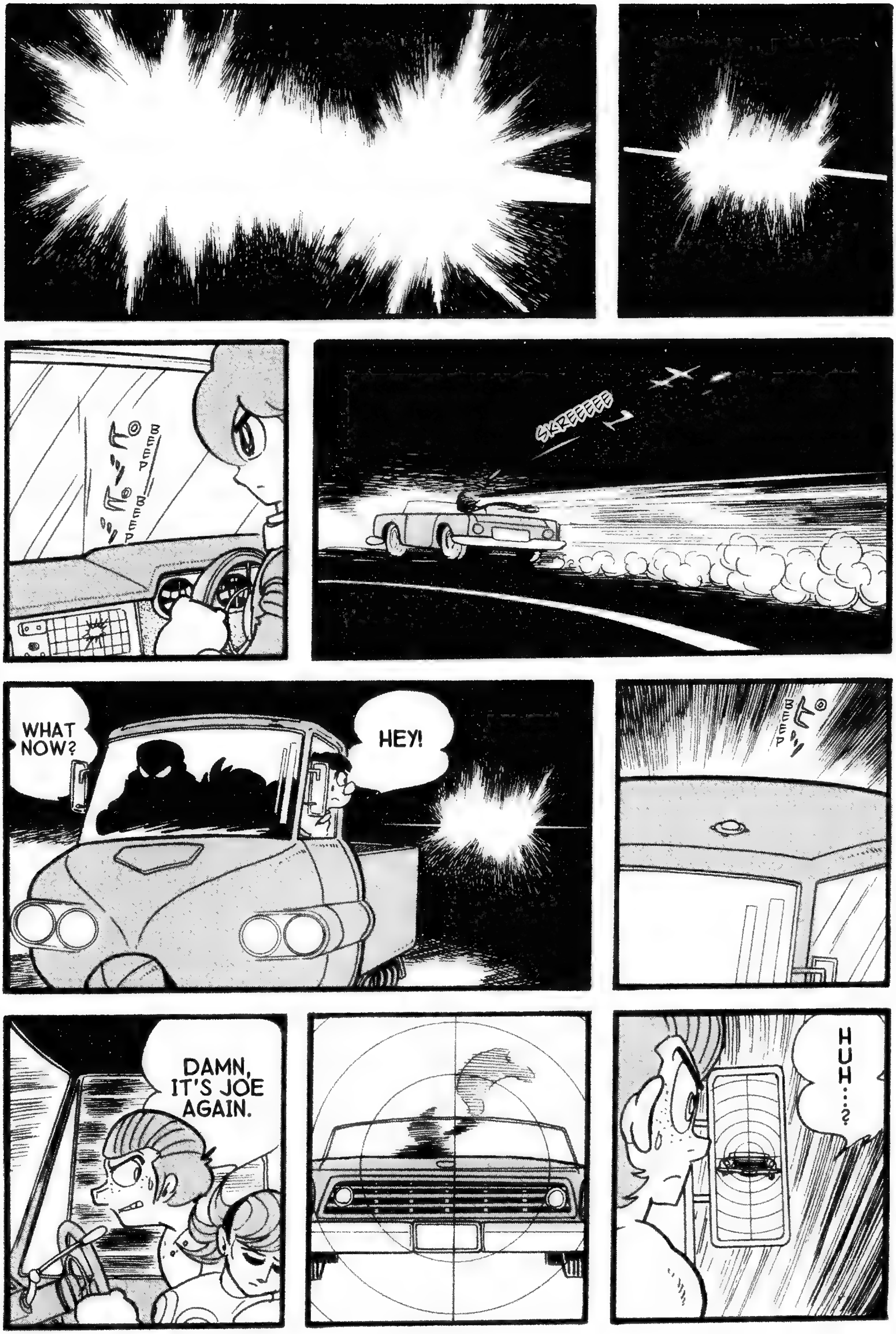

AAH.
MARY.
WHAT'S WRONG? IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
MARY!
IT'S YOUR FAULT!
BA BA BA BA BA BA BA
IBARAGI!
HURRY, OYAMADA! PUT HER IN THE CAR!
OKAY.
WE GOTTA GET THE HELL OUTTA HERE!
IBARAGI! OYAMADA!
PLEASE! JUST WAIT!
SLAM!

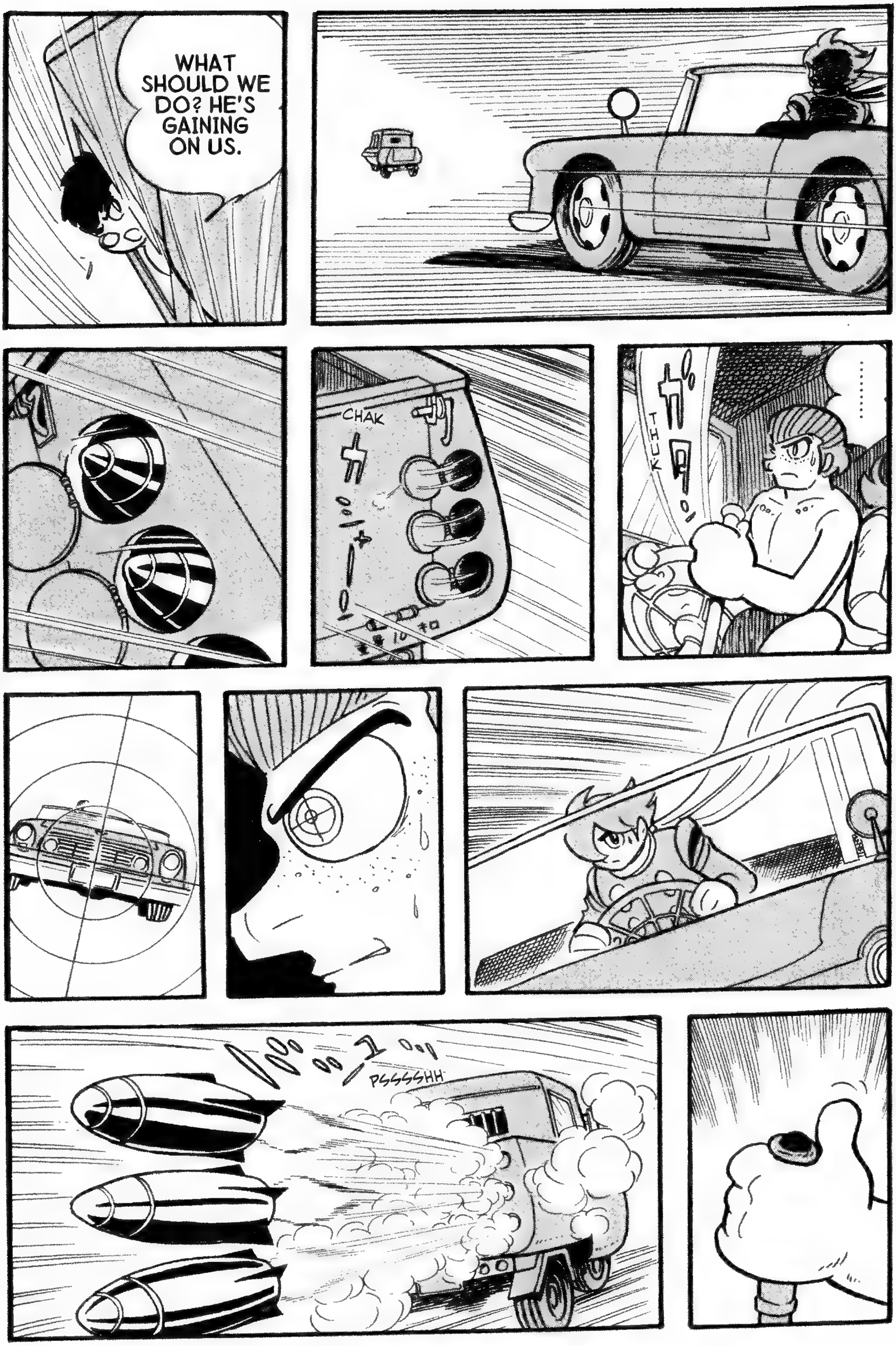

ちかっ
FLASH
……!
RRRR

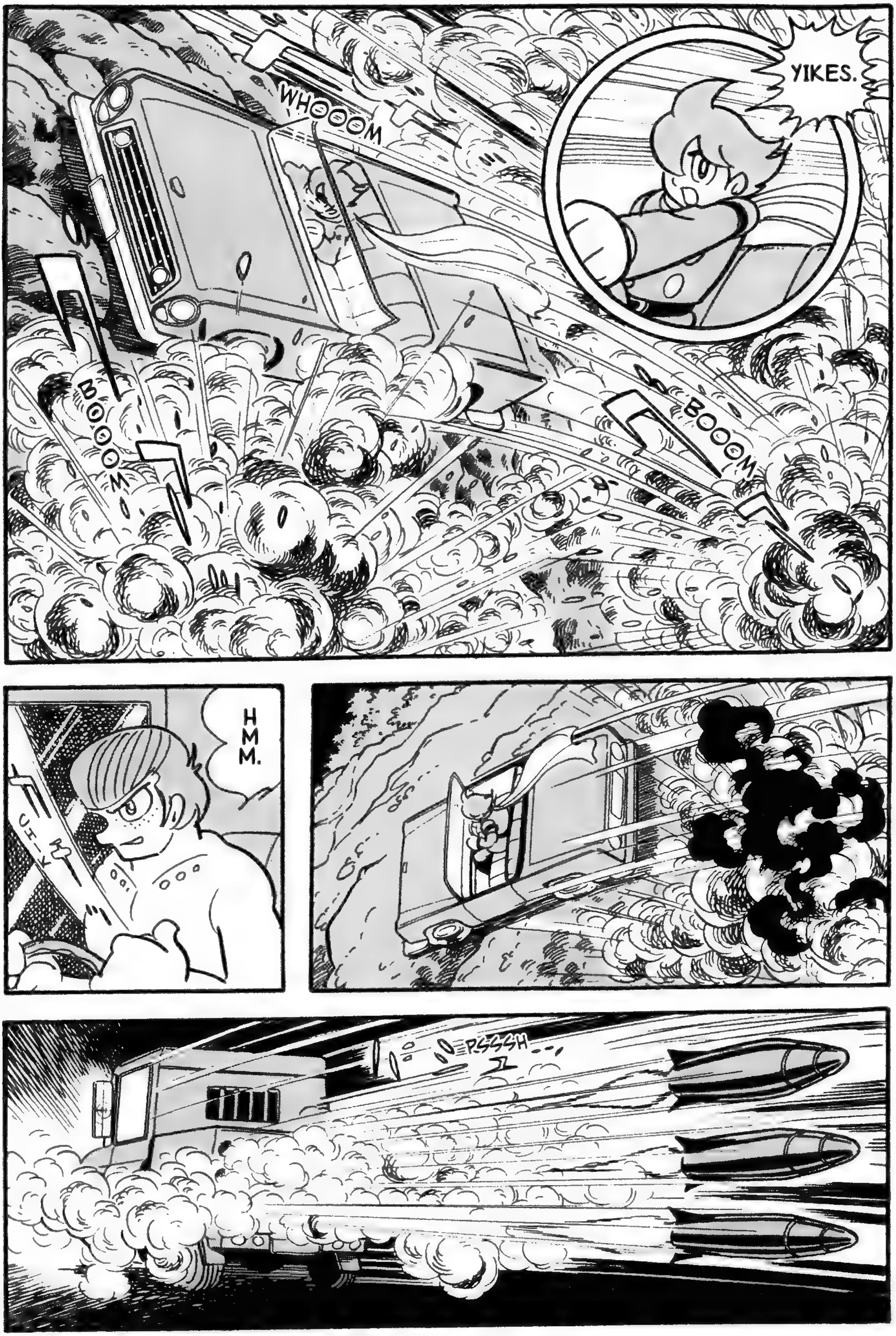

GRAB
THAP
......
WHY...
WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?
HORRIBLE!
THIS IS JUST HORRIBLE!
DAMN.
KAICHING
SHUUU

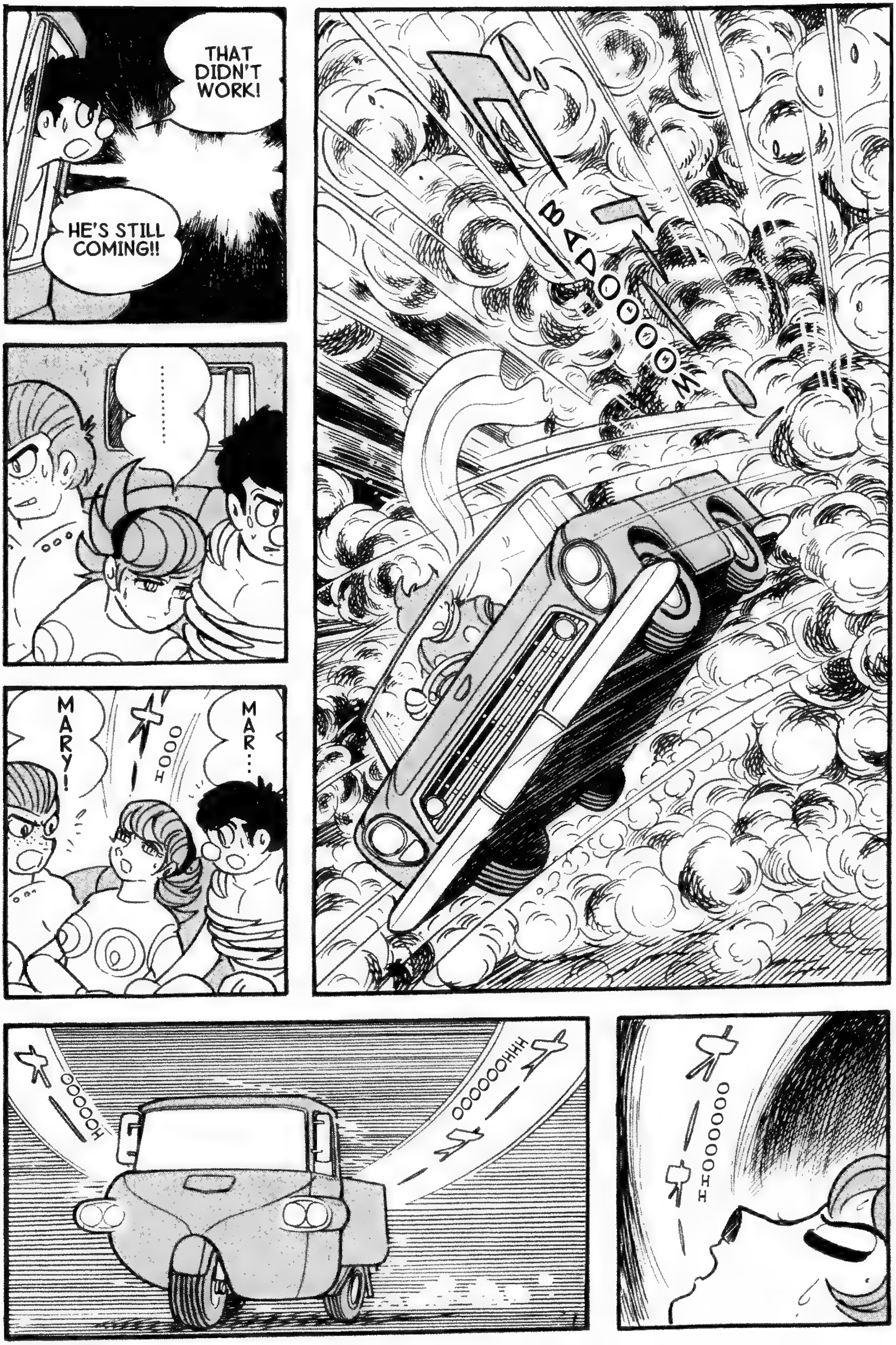

CHAK
FWOOOSH
VRRRRRRRR
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
VROOOOOM

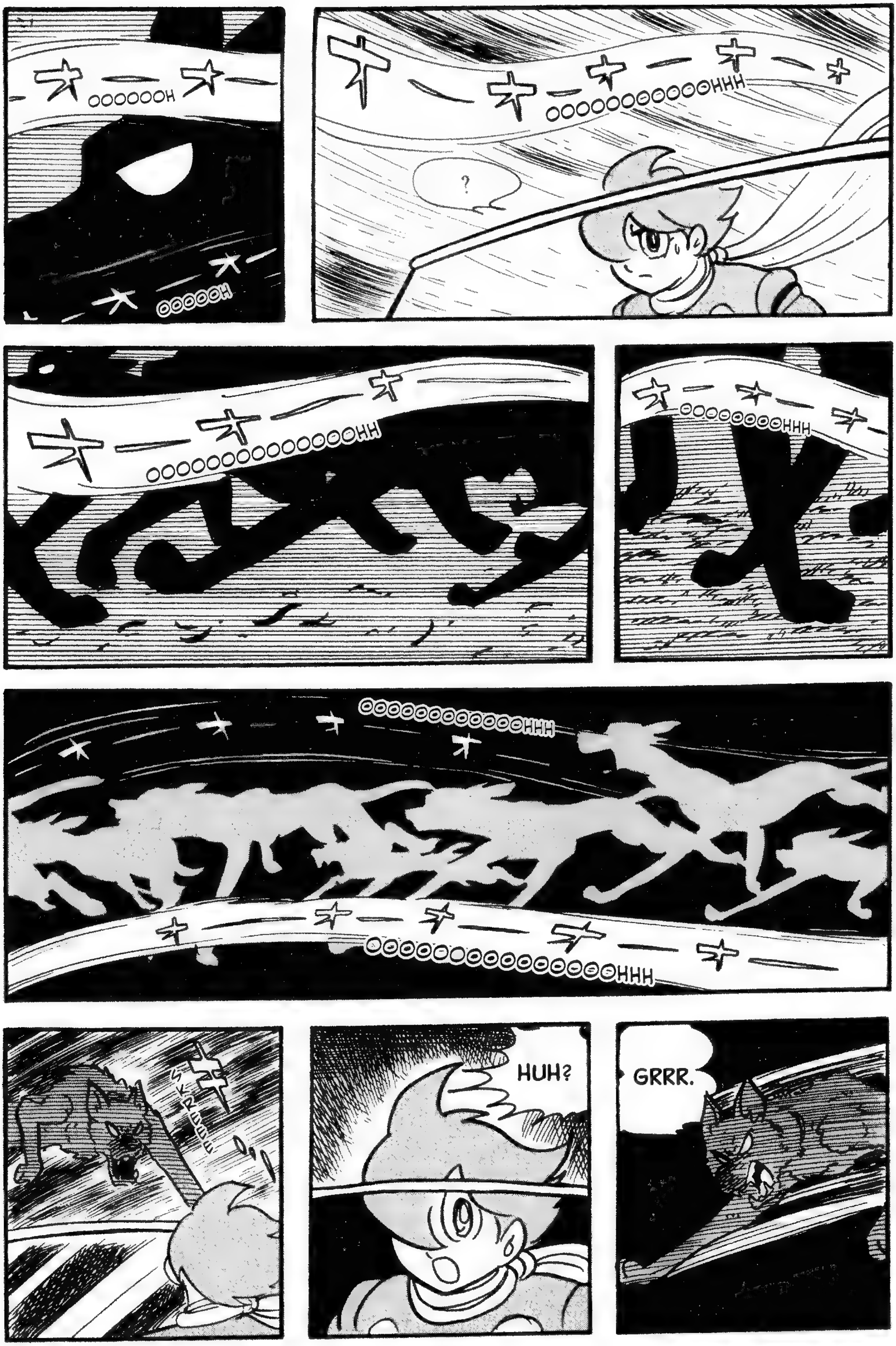

CHAK
カチッ
BEEP BEEP
ピッピッ
BEEP BEEP
ピッピッ


BEEP BEEP
SKREEEEEE
WHAT NOW?
HEY!
BEEP
DAMN, IT'S JOE AGAIN.
HUH...?


WHAT SHOULD WE DO? HE'S GAINING ON US.
CHAK
THUK
……
PSSSSHH


WHOOOM
BOOOOM
BOOOOM
YIKES.
HMM.
CHIK
PSSSH


THAT DIDN'T WORK!
HE'S STILL COMING!!
......
MARY!
OOOH
MAR...
BADOOOOOM
OOOOOH
OOOOOOHHH
OOOOOOOHH


オーオー
OOOOOOH
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OOOOOH
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OOOOOOOOOOOHHH
?
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OOOOOOOOOHHH
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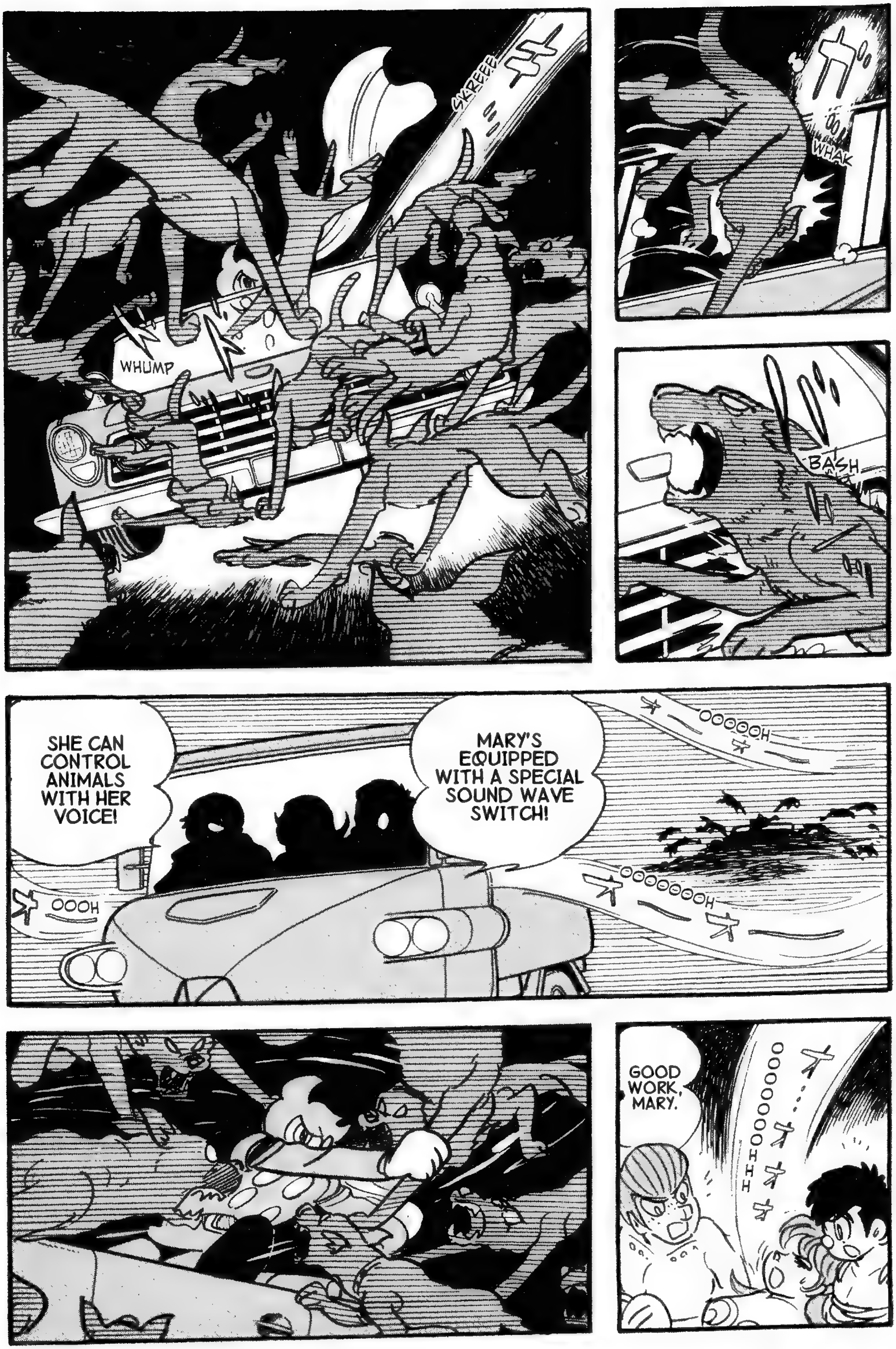
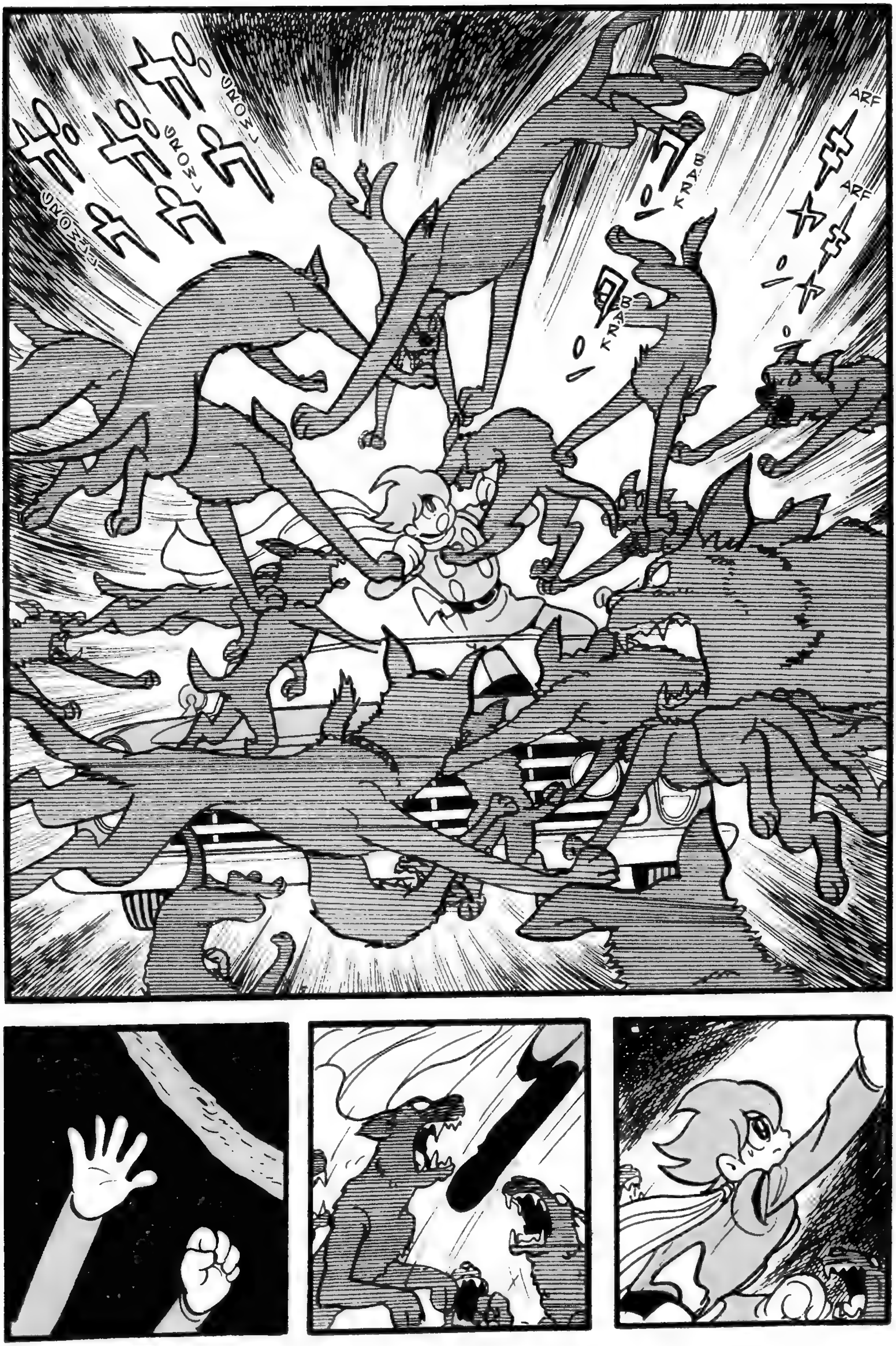
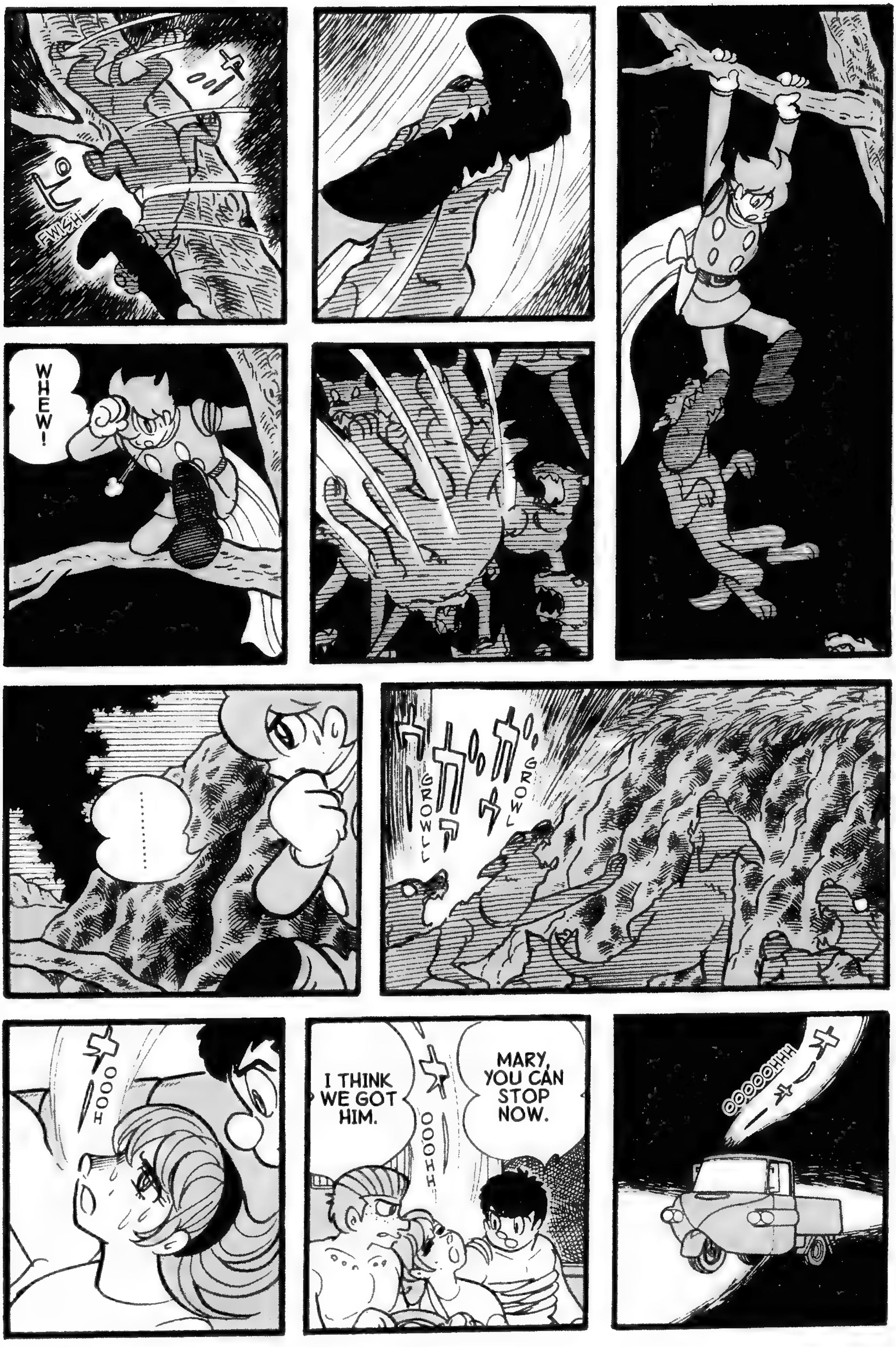
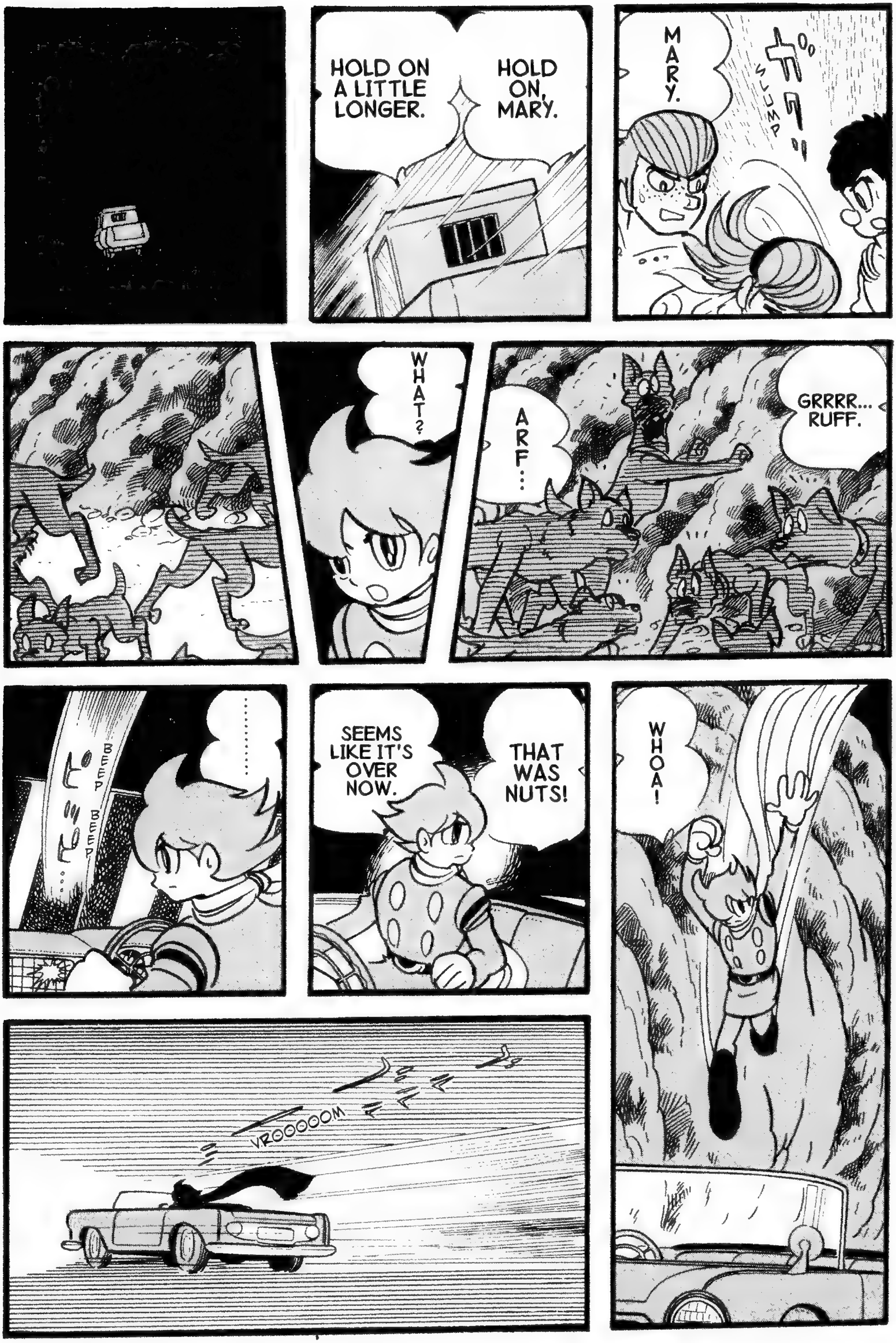
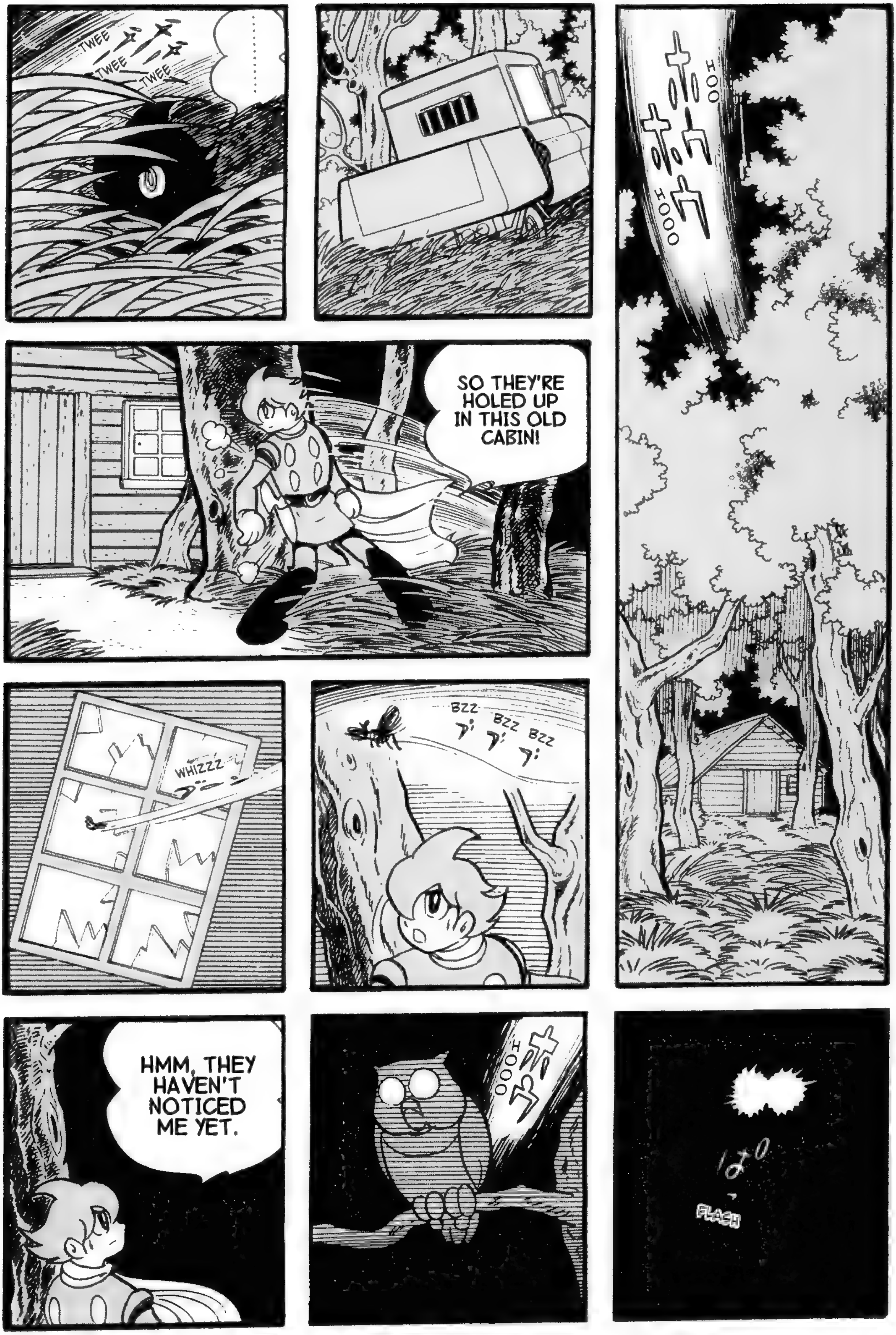
SKREEE
HUH?
GRRR.

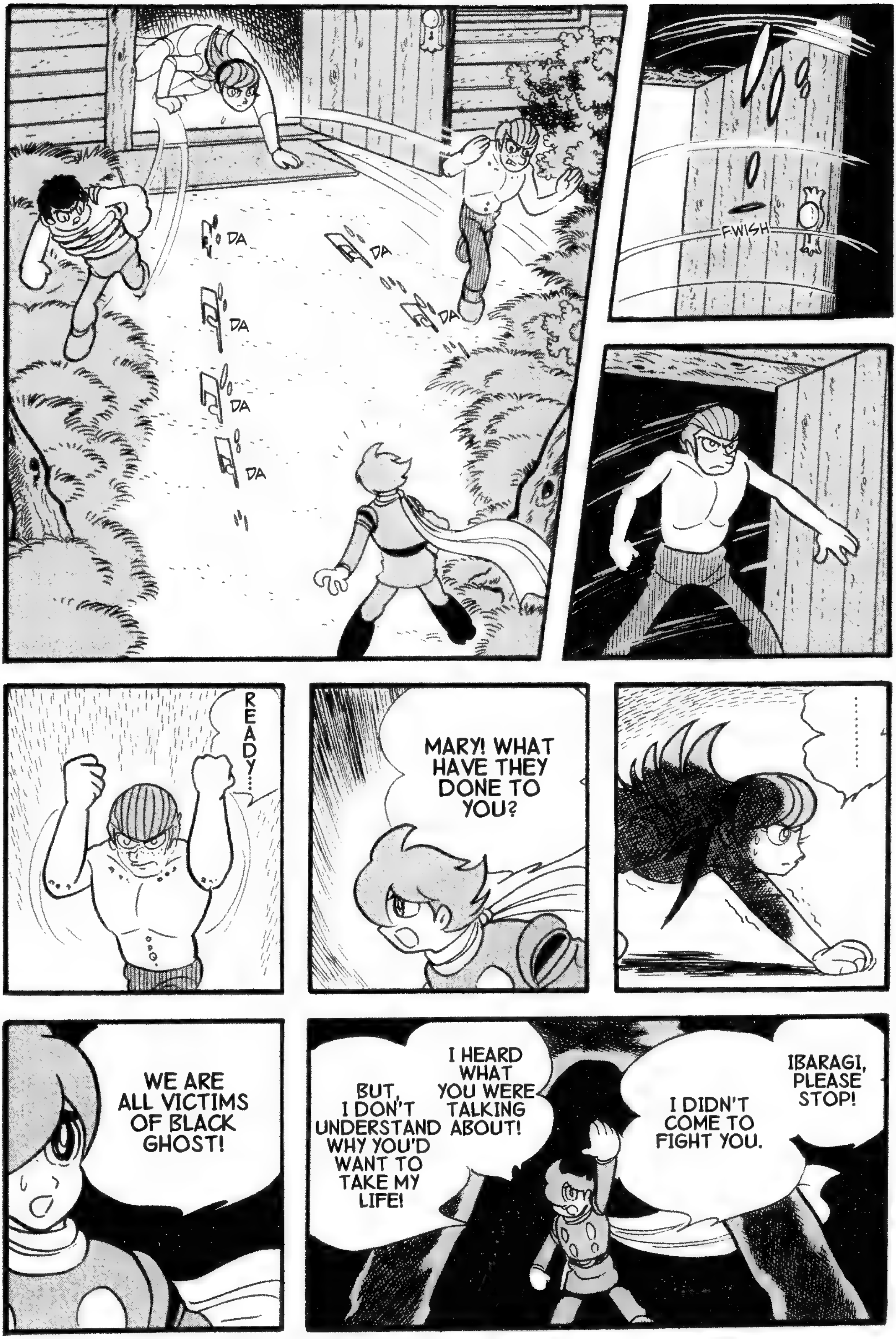

SKREEE
WHUMP
WHAK
BASH
SHE CAN CONTROL ANIMALS WITH HER VOICE!
MARY'S EQUIPPED WITH A SPECIAL SOUND WAVE SWITCH!
OOOOOH
OOOH
OOOOOOOOH
GOOD WORK, MARY.
OOOOOOOOOHHHH


ARF
ARF
BARK
BARK
GROWL
GROWL
GROWL


FWISH
WHEW!
GROWL
GROWL
……
OOOOOHHH
MARY, YOU CAN STOP NOW.
OOOHH
I THINK WE GOT HIM.
OOOH


MARY.
SLUMP
HOLD ON, MARY.
HOLD ON A LITTLE LONGER.
GRRRR... RUFF.
ARF...
WHAT?
WHOA!
THAT WAS NUTS!
SEEMS LIKE IT'S OVER NOW.
......
BEEP BEEP
VROOOOOOM


TWEE TWEE TWEE
HOO HOOO
SO THEY'RE HOLED UP IN THIS OLD CABIN!
WHIZZZ
BZZ BZZ BZZ
HMM, THEY HAVEN'T NOTICED ME YET.
HOOO
FLASH


DA
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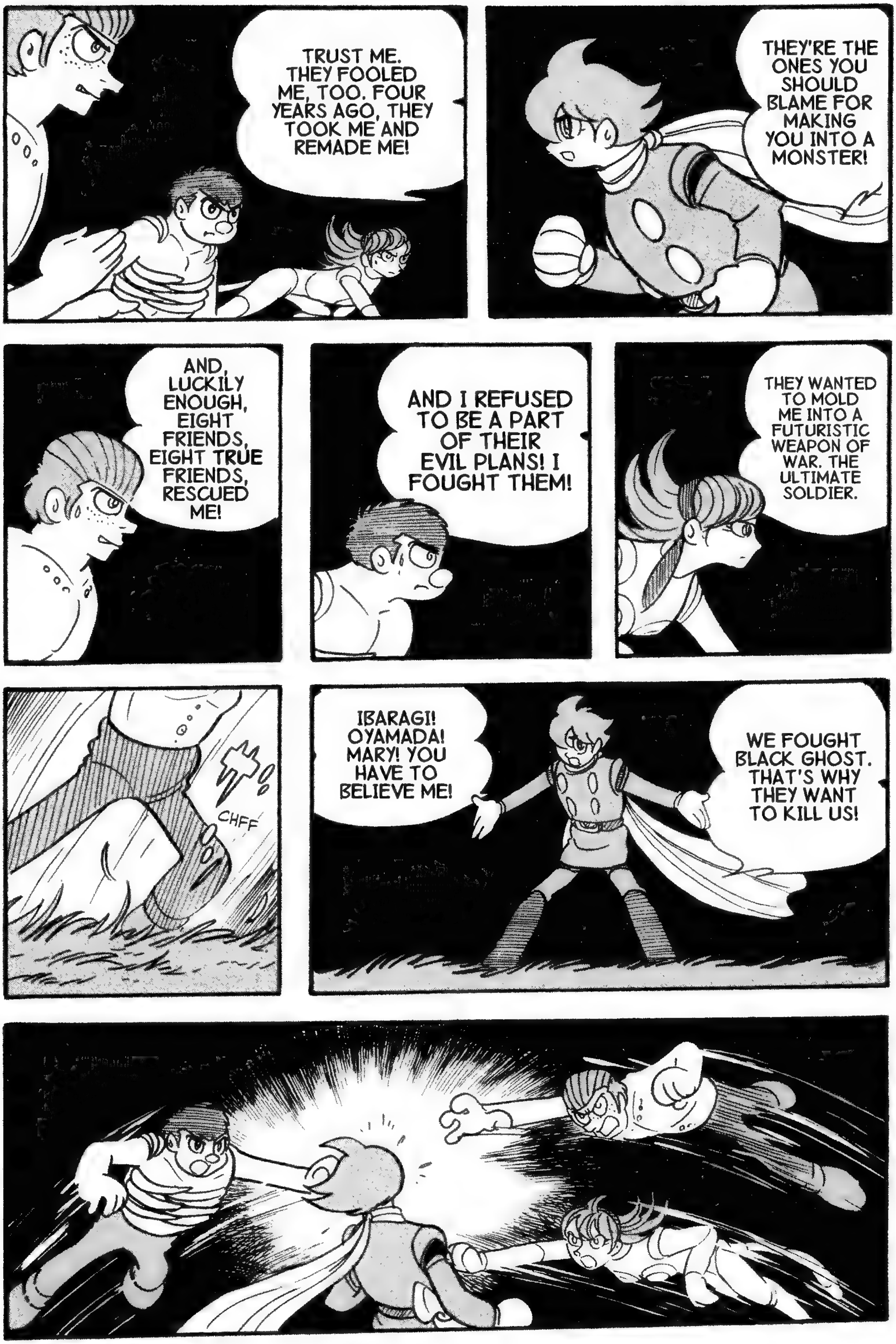
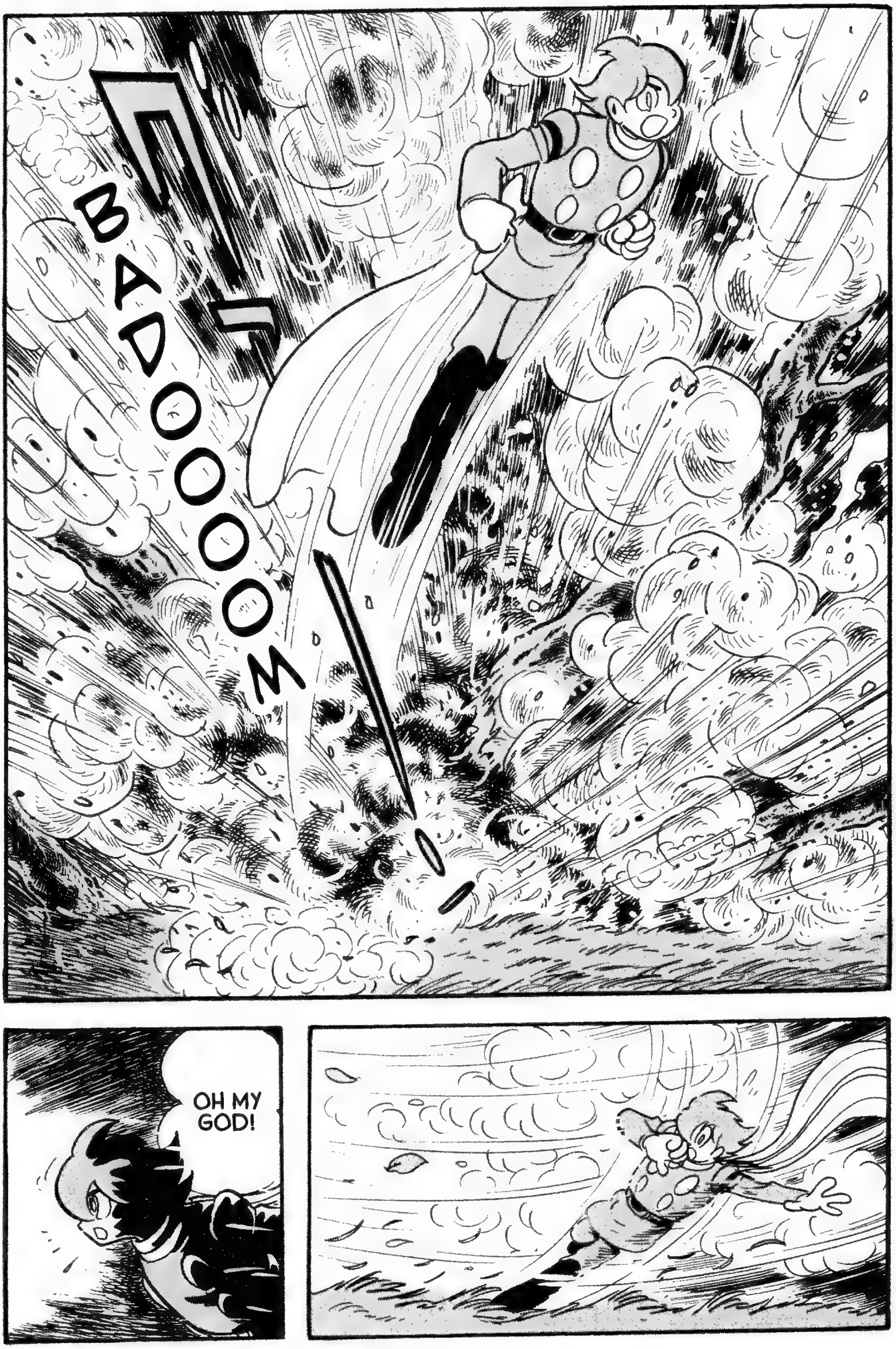
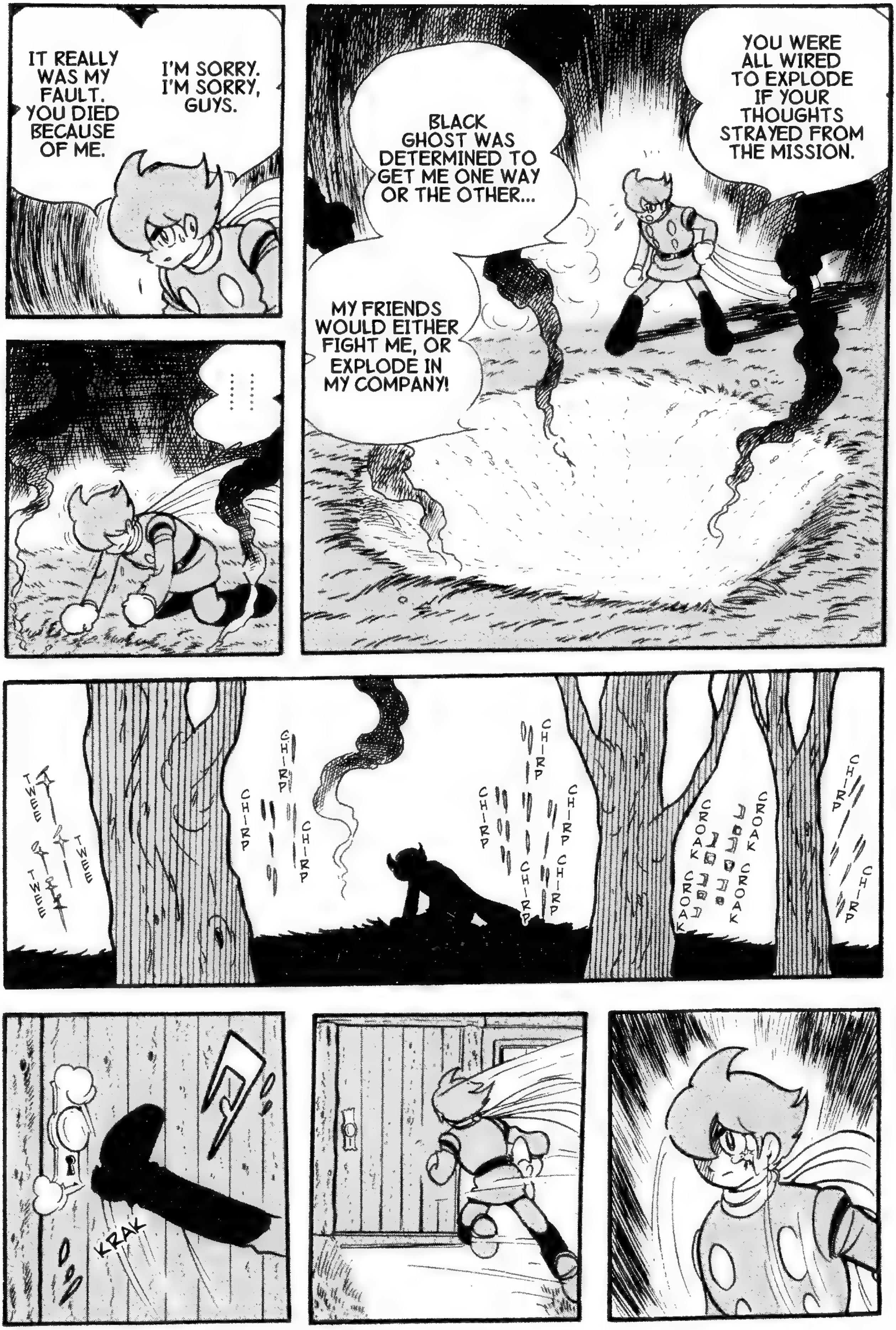
DA
FWISH
READY....
MARY! WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO YOU?
....
WE ARE ALL VICTIMS OF BLACK GHOST!
I HEARD WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT!
BUT, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D WANT TO TAKE MY LIFE!
I DIDN'T COME TO FIGHT YOU.
IBARAGI, PLEASE STOP!


THEY'RE THE ONES YOU SHOULD BLAME FOR MAKING YOU INTO A MONSTER!
TRUST ME. THEY FOOLED ME, TOO. FOUR YEARS AGO, THEY TOOK ME AND REMADE ME!
THEY WANTED TO MOLD ME INTO A FUTURISTIC WEAPON OF WAR. THE ULTIMATE SOLDIER.
AND I REFUSED TO BE A PART OF THEIR EVIL PLANS! I FOUGHT THEM!
AND, LUCKILY ENOUGH, EIGHT FRIENDS, EIGHT TRUE FRIENDS, RESCUED ME!
WE FOUGHT BLACK GHOST. THAT'S WHY THEY WANT TO KILL US!
IBARAGI! OYAMADA! MARY! YOU HAVE TO BELIEVE ME!
CHFF


BADOOOOM
OH MY GOD!


IT REALLY WAS MY FAULT. YOU DIED BECAUSE OF ME.
I'M SORRY. I'M SORRY, GUYS.
YOU WERE ALL WIRED TO EXPLODE IF YOUR THOUGHTS STRAYED FROM THE MISSION.
BLACK GHOST WAS DETERMINED TO GET ME ONE WAY OR THE OTHER...
MY FRIENDS WOULD EITHER FIGHT ME, OR EXPLODE IN MY COMPANY!
......
TWEE
TWEE
TWEE
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
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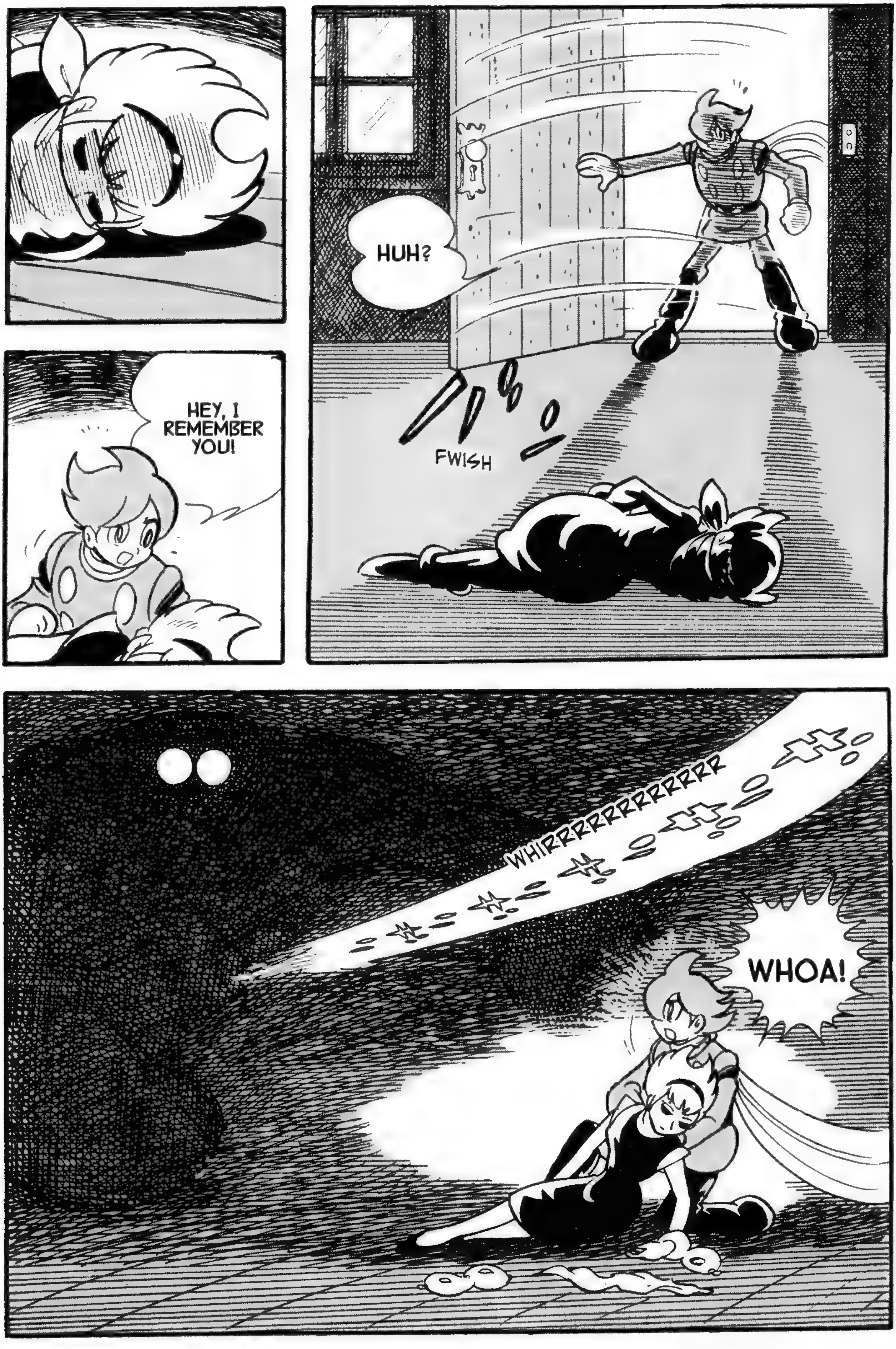
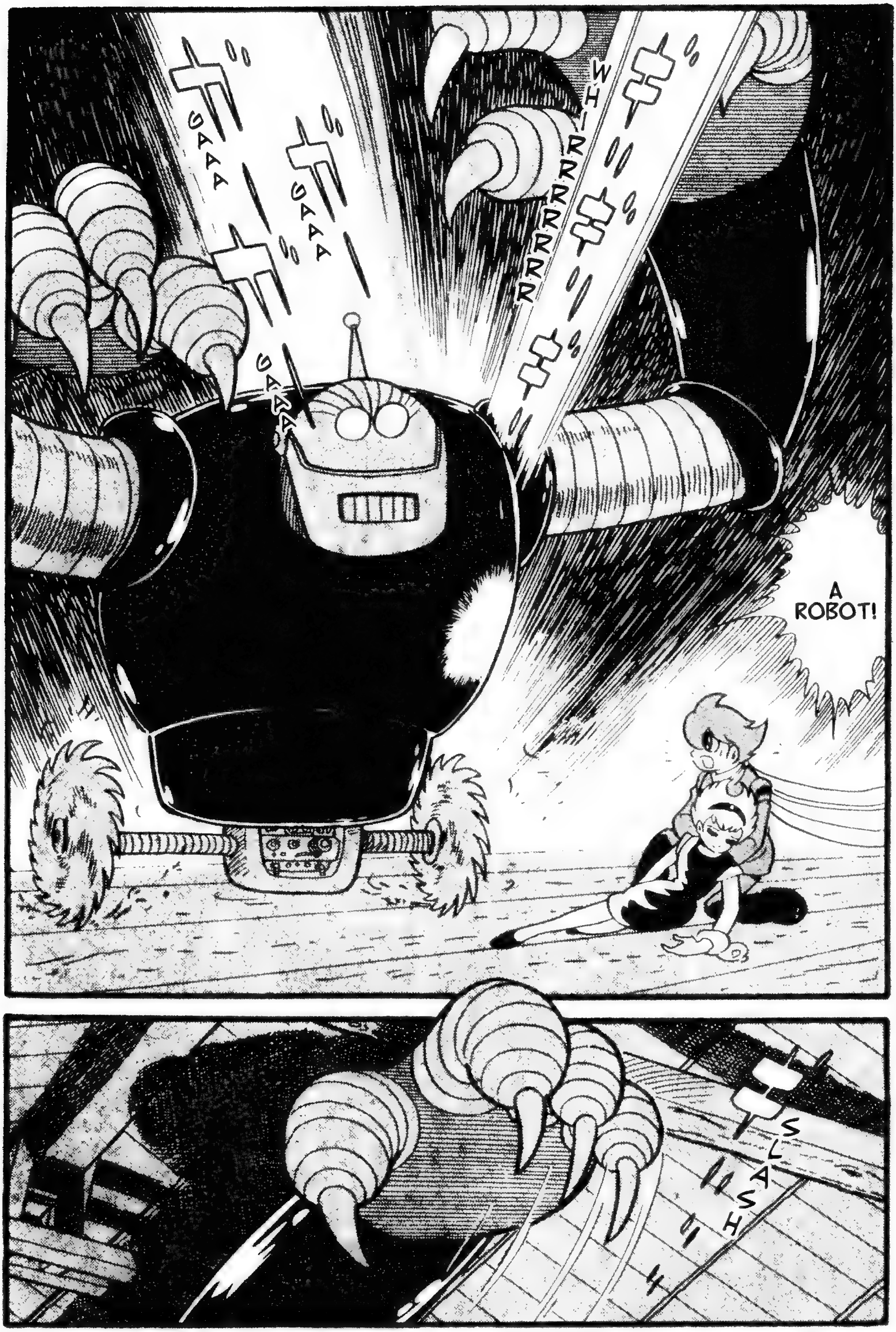
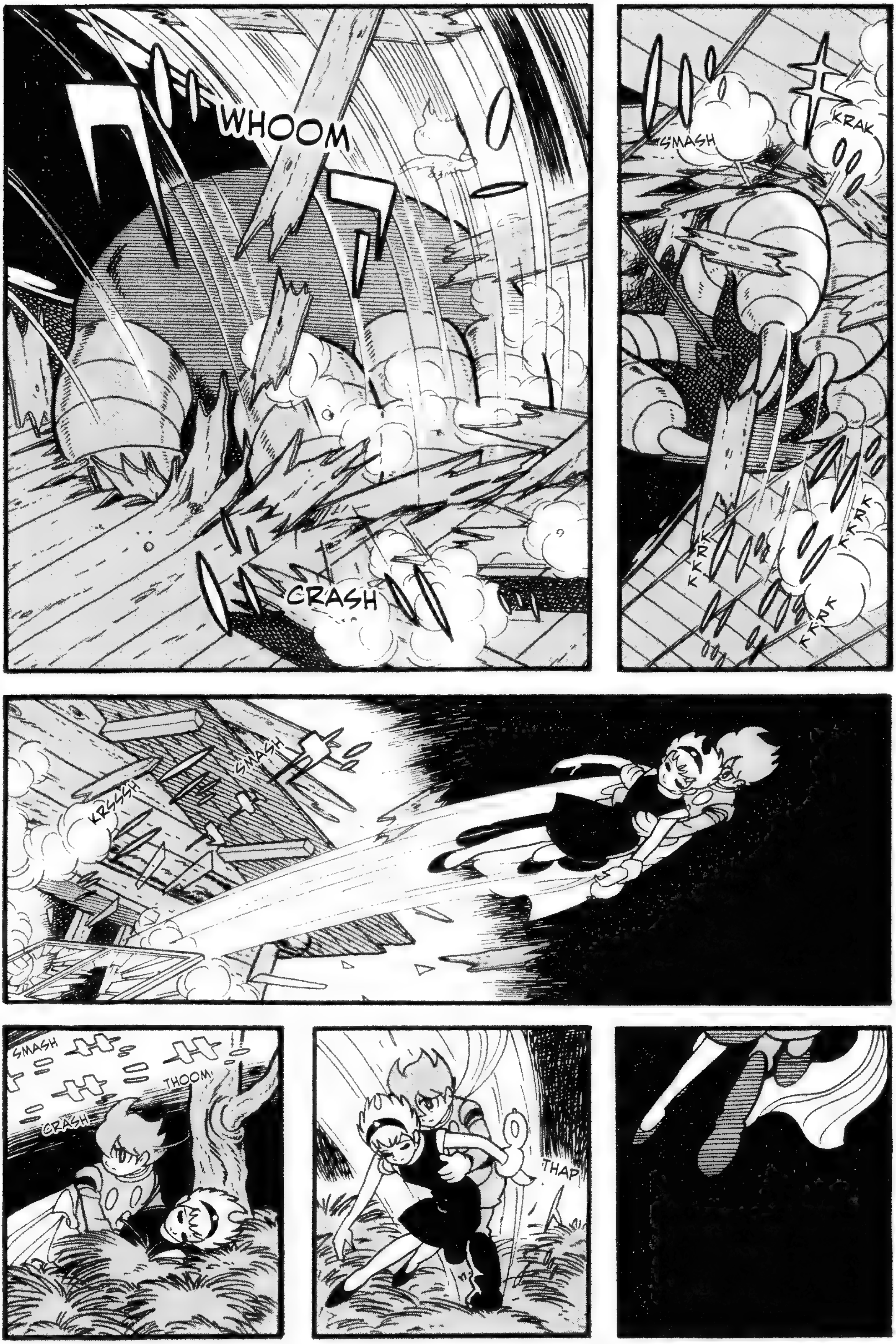
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CROAK
CROAK
CROAK
CROAK
CHIRP
CHIRP
KRAK


HUH?
FWISH
HEY, I REMEMBER YOU!
WHIRRRRRRRRRRRR
WHOA!


WHIRRRRRRRRR
GAAA
GAAA
GAAA
A ROBOT!
SLASH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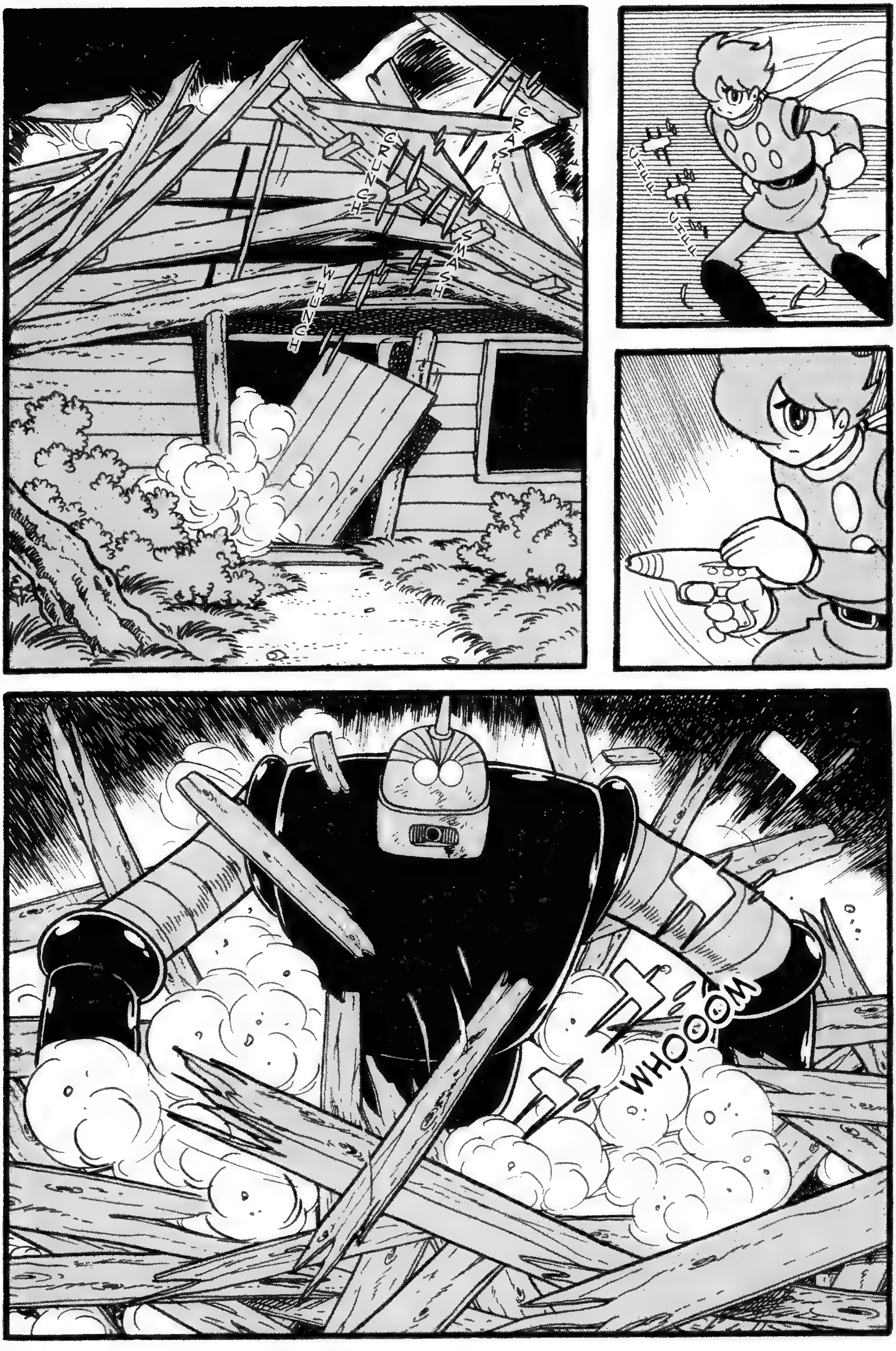
CRASH
SMASH
KRAK
KRKK
KRKK
KRKK
SMASH
KRSSSH
SMASH
THOOM
CRASH
THAP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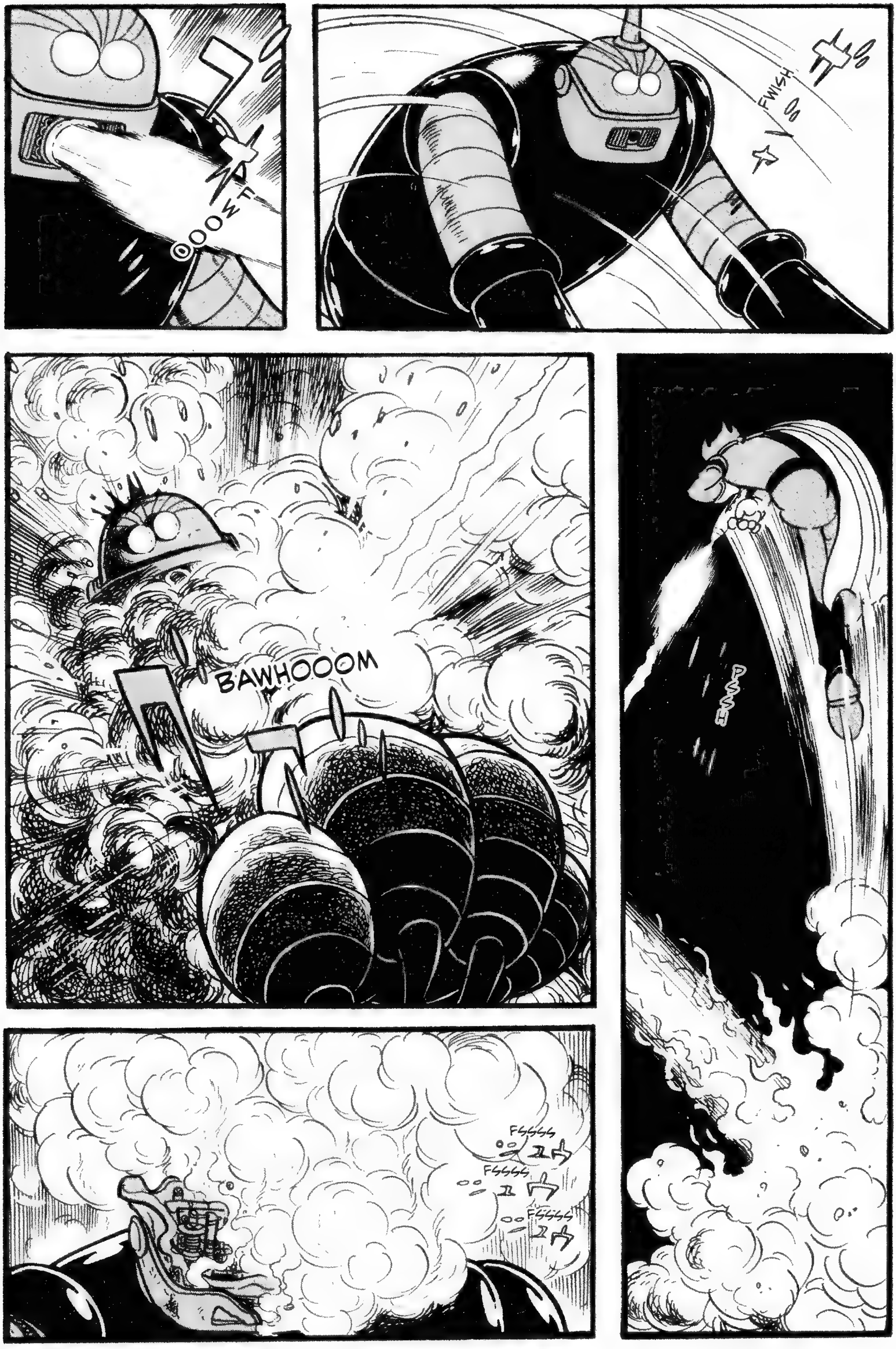
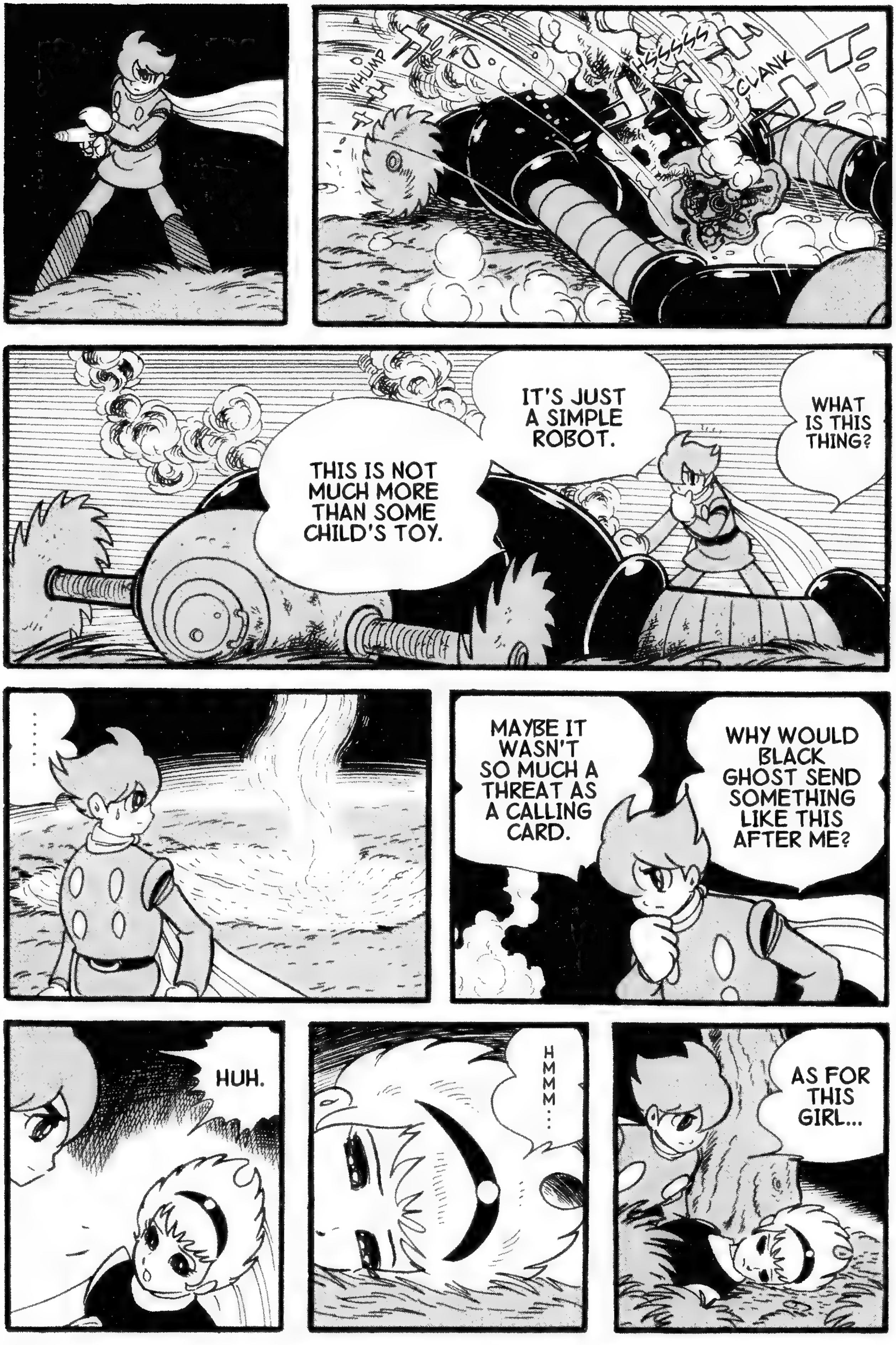
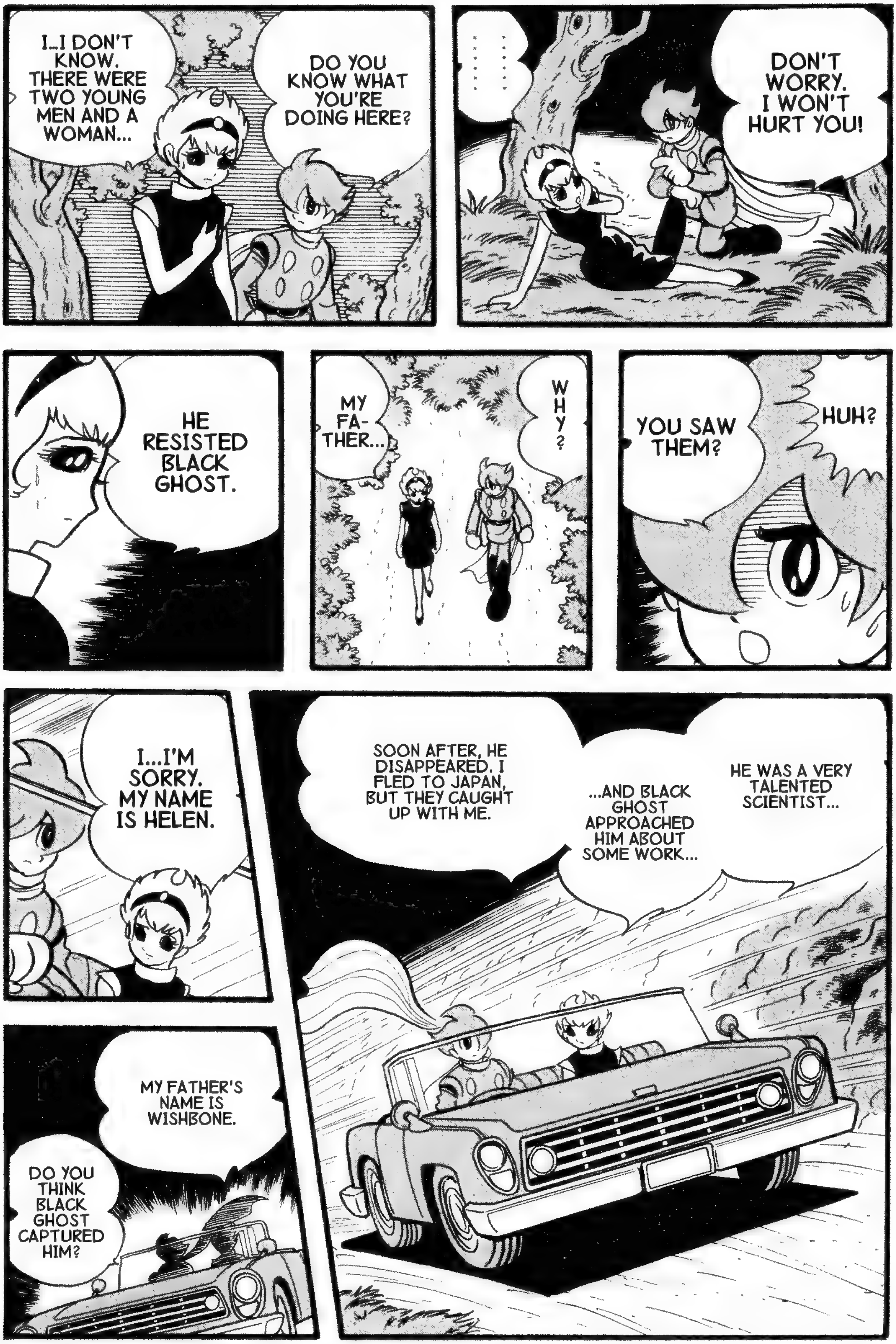
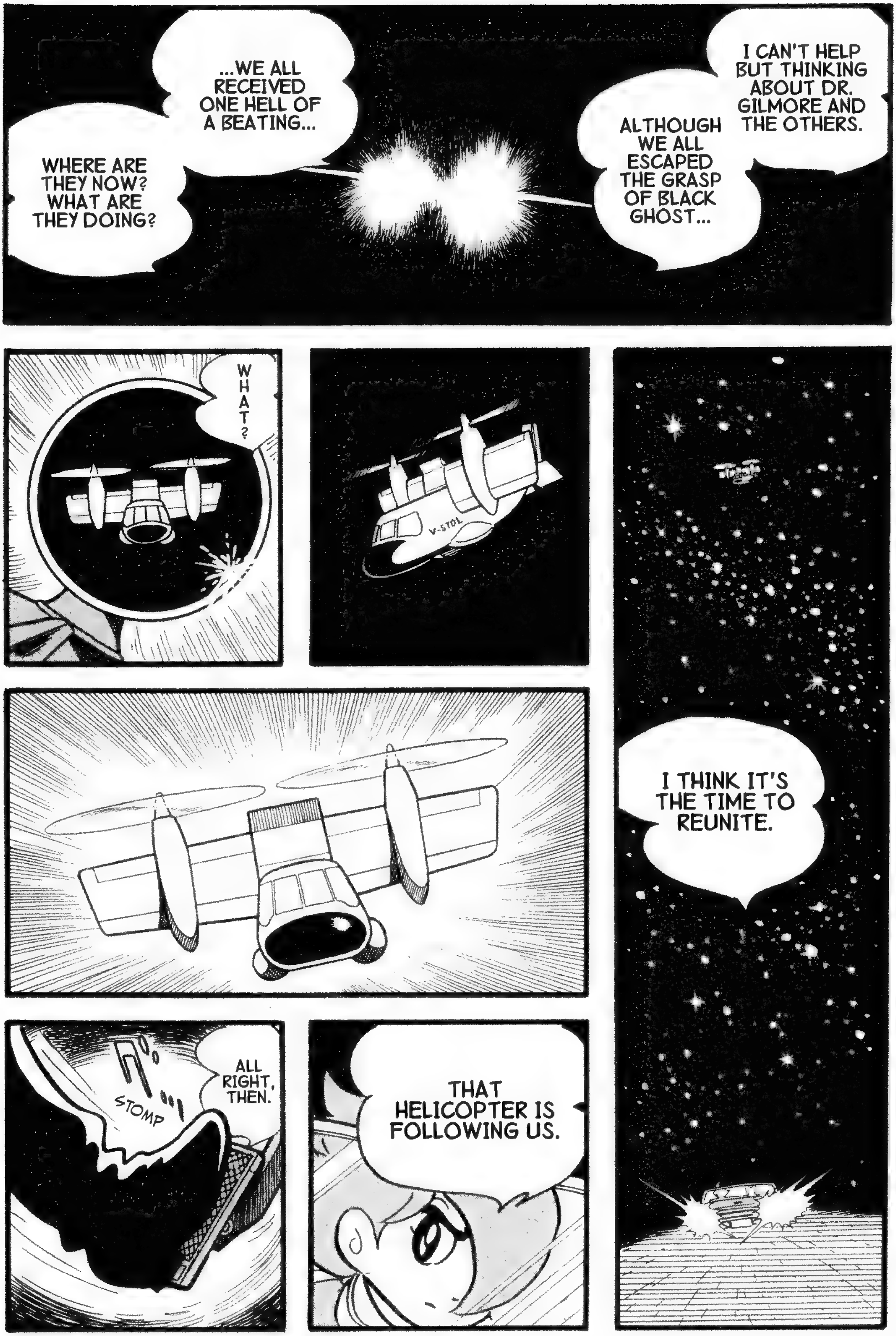
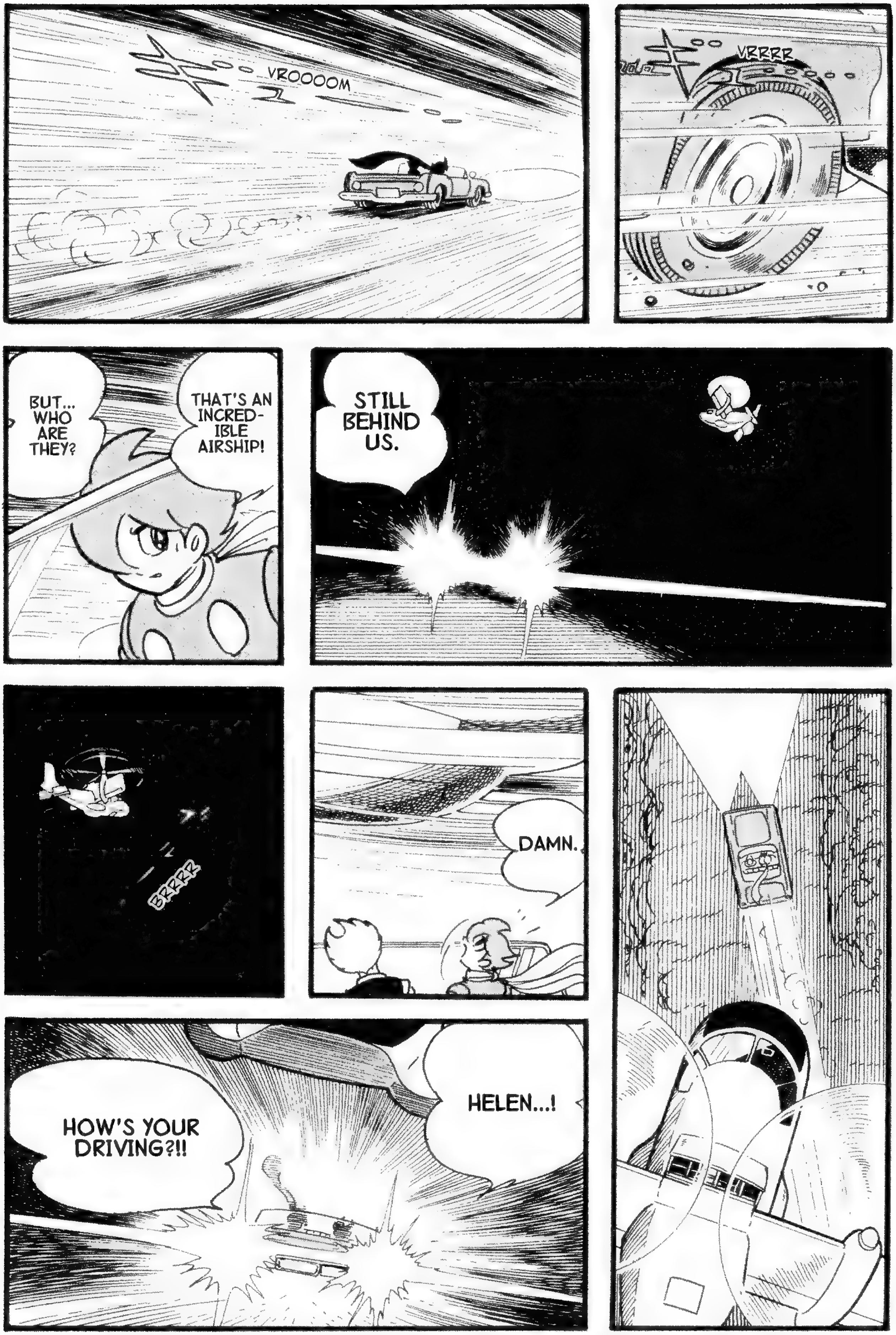
CRUNCH
SMASH
WHUNCH
CHEE
CHEE
WHOOOM

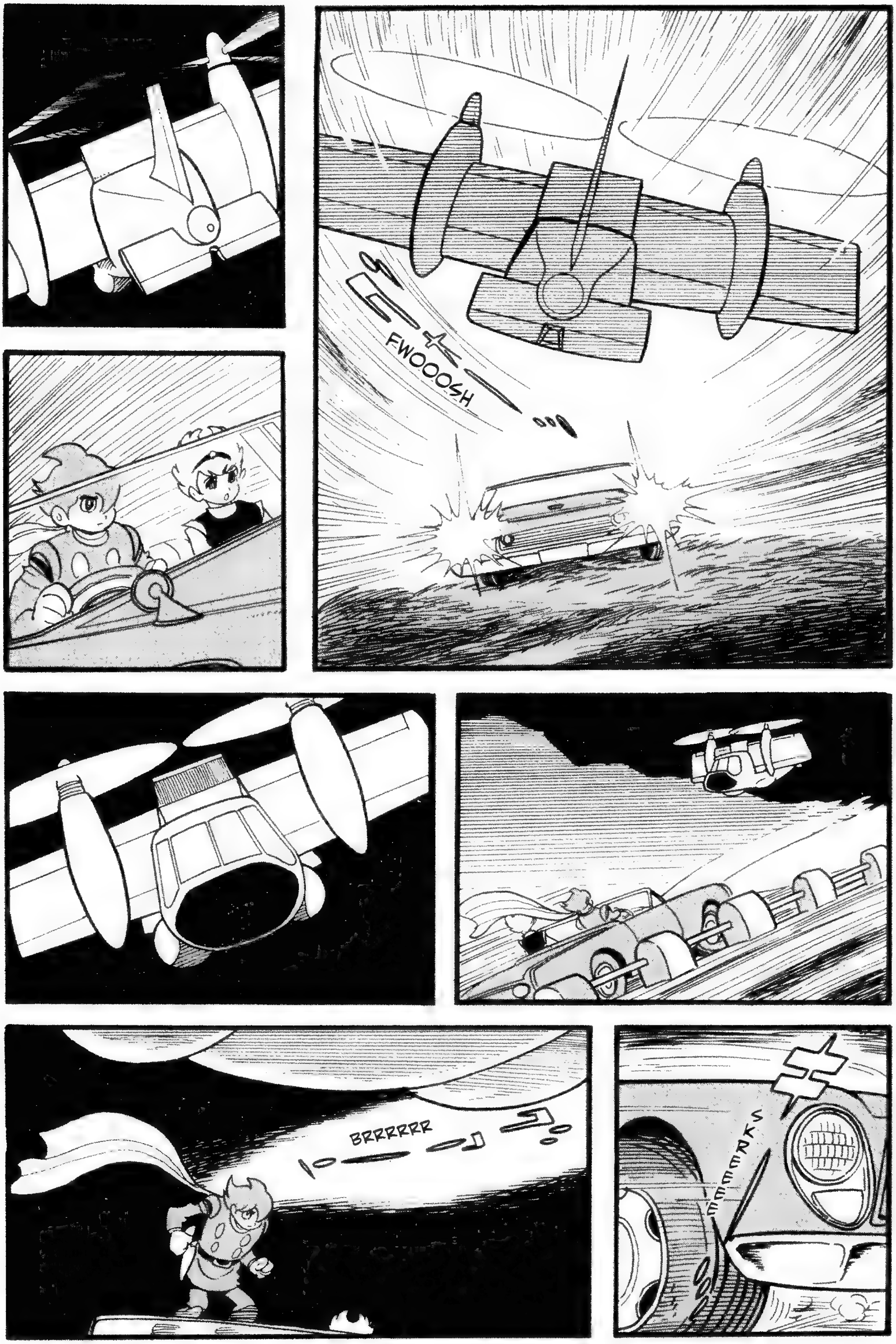

FWOOO
FWISH
BAWHOOOM
PSSH
FSSSS
FSSSS
FSSSS

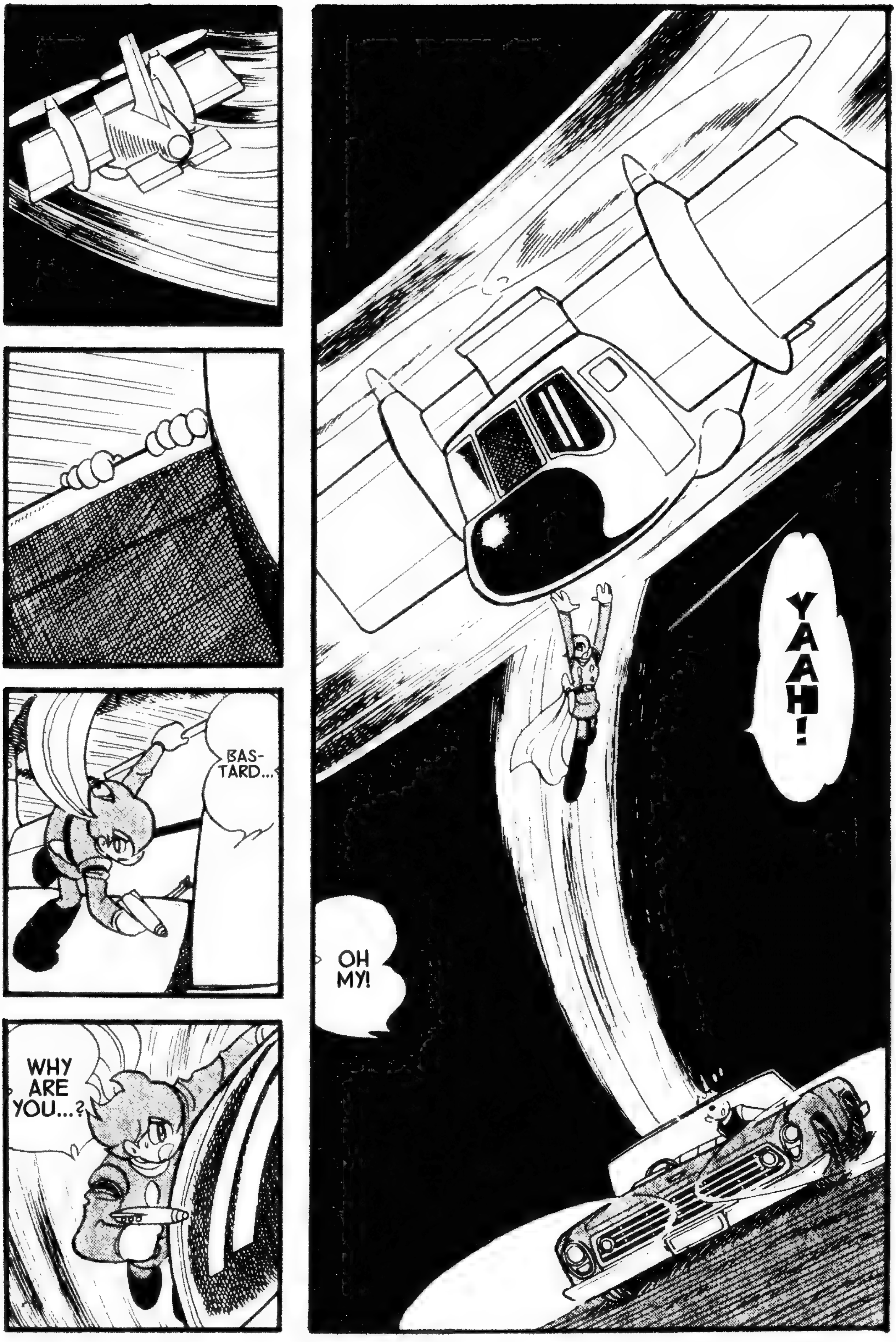

CLANK
HSSSSS
WHUMP
WHAT IS THIS THING?
IT'S JUST A SIMPLE ROBOT.
THIS IS NOT MUCH MORE THAN SOME CHILD'S TOY.
WHY WOULD BLACK GHOST SEND SOMETHING LIKE THIS AFTER ME?
MAYBE IT WASN'T SO MUCH A THREAT AS A CALLING CARD.
......
AS FOR THIS GIRL...
HMMM...
HUH.

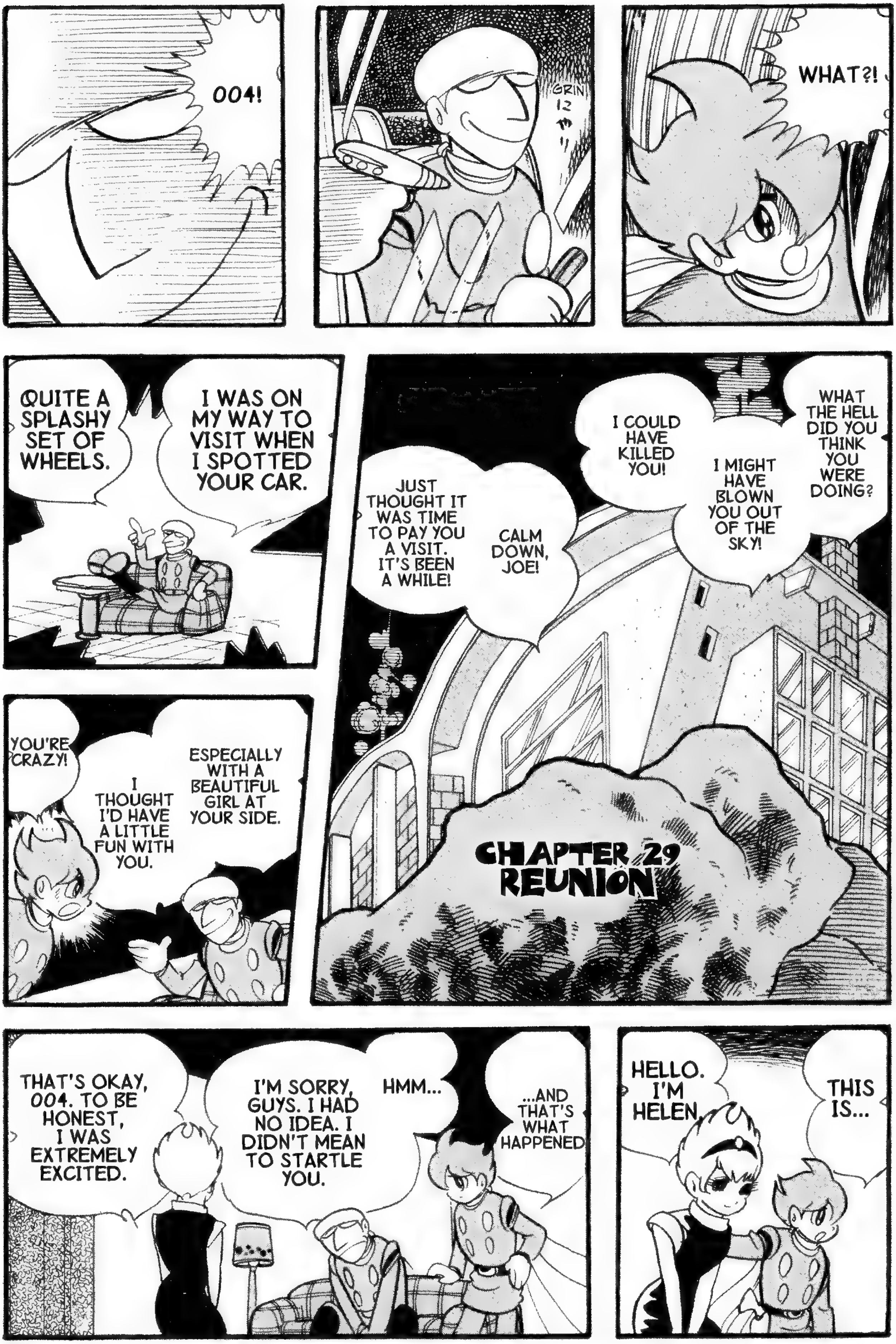

DON'T WORRY. I WON'T HURT YOU!
......
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE?
I..I DON'T KNOW. THERE WERE TWO YOUNG MEN AND A WOMAN...
HUH?
YOU SAW THEM?
WHY?
MY FATHER...
HE RESISTED BLACK GHOST.
HE WAS A VERY TALENTED SCIENTIST...
...AND BLACK GHOST APPROACHED HIM ABOUT SOME WORK...
SOON AFTER, HE DISAPPEARED. I FLED TO JAPAN, BUT THEY CAUGHT UP WITH ME.
I...I'M SORRY. MY NAME IS HELEN.
MY FATHER'S NAME IS WISHBONE.
DO YOU THINK BLACK GHOST CAPTURED HIM?


I CAN'T HELP BUT THINKING ABOUT DR. GILMORE AND THE OTHERS.
ALTHOUGH WE ALL ESCAPED THE GRASP OF BLACK GHOST...
...WE ALL RECEIVED ONE HELL OF A BEATING...
WHERE ARE THEY NOW? WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
I THINK IT'S THE TIME TO REUNITE.
V-STOL
WHAT?
THAT HELICOPTER IS FOLLOWING US.
ALL RIGHT, THEN.
STOMP


VRRRR
VROOOOM
STILL BEHIND US.
THAT'S AN INCREDIBLE AIRSHIP!
BUT... WHO ARE THEY?
DAMN.
BRRRR
HELEN...!
HOW'S YOUR DRIVING?!!


FWOOOSH
BRRRRRR
SKREEEE


YAAH!
OH MY!
BASTARD...
WHY ARE YOU...?



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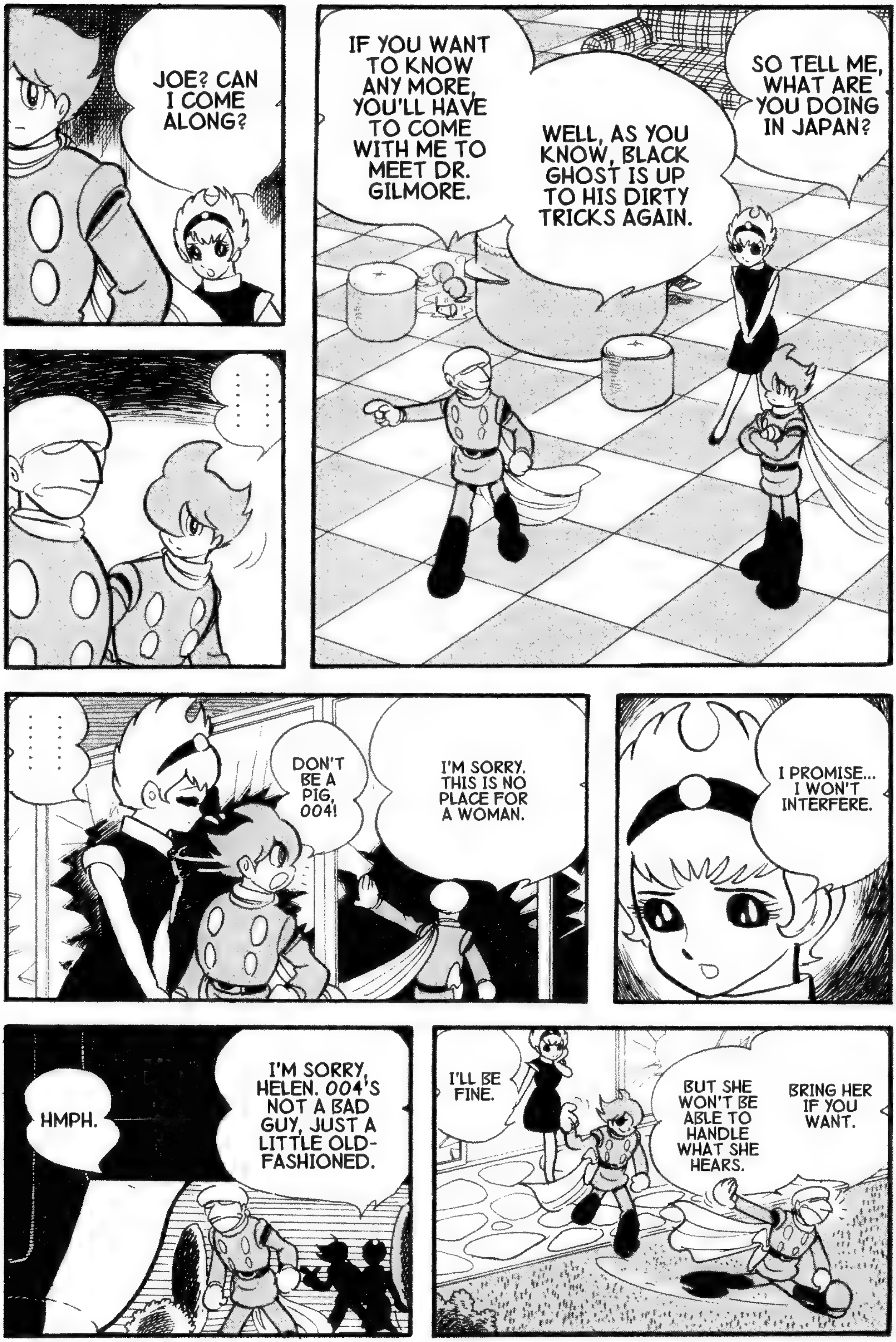
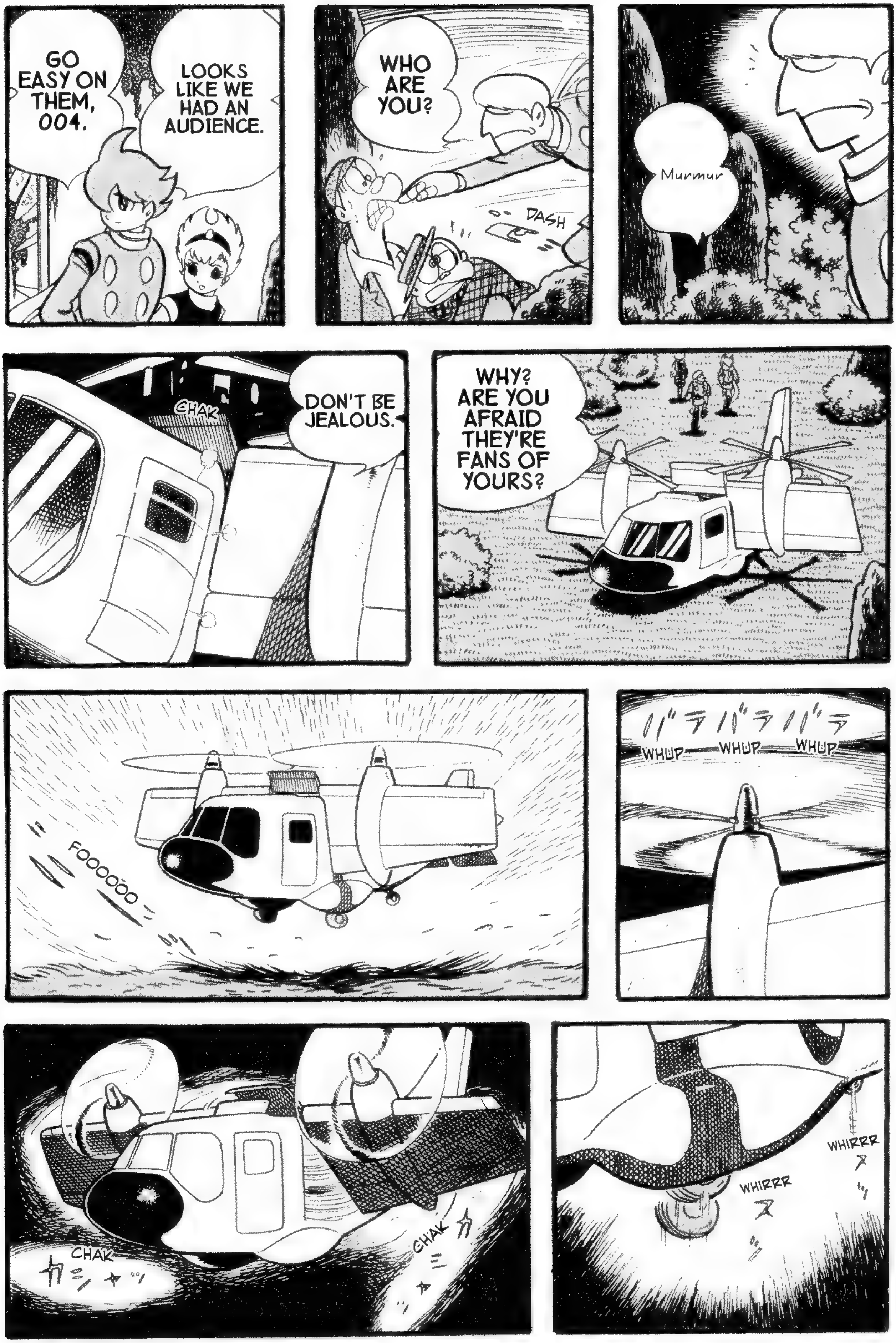
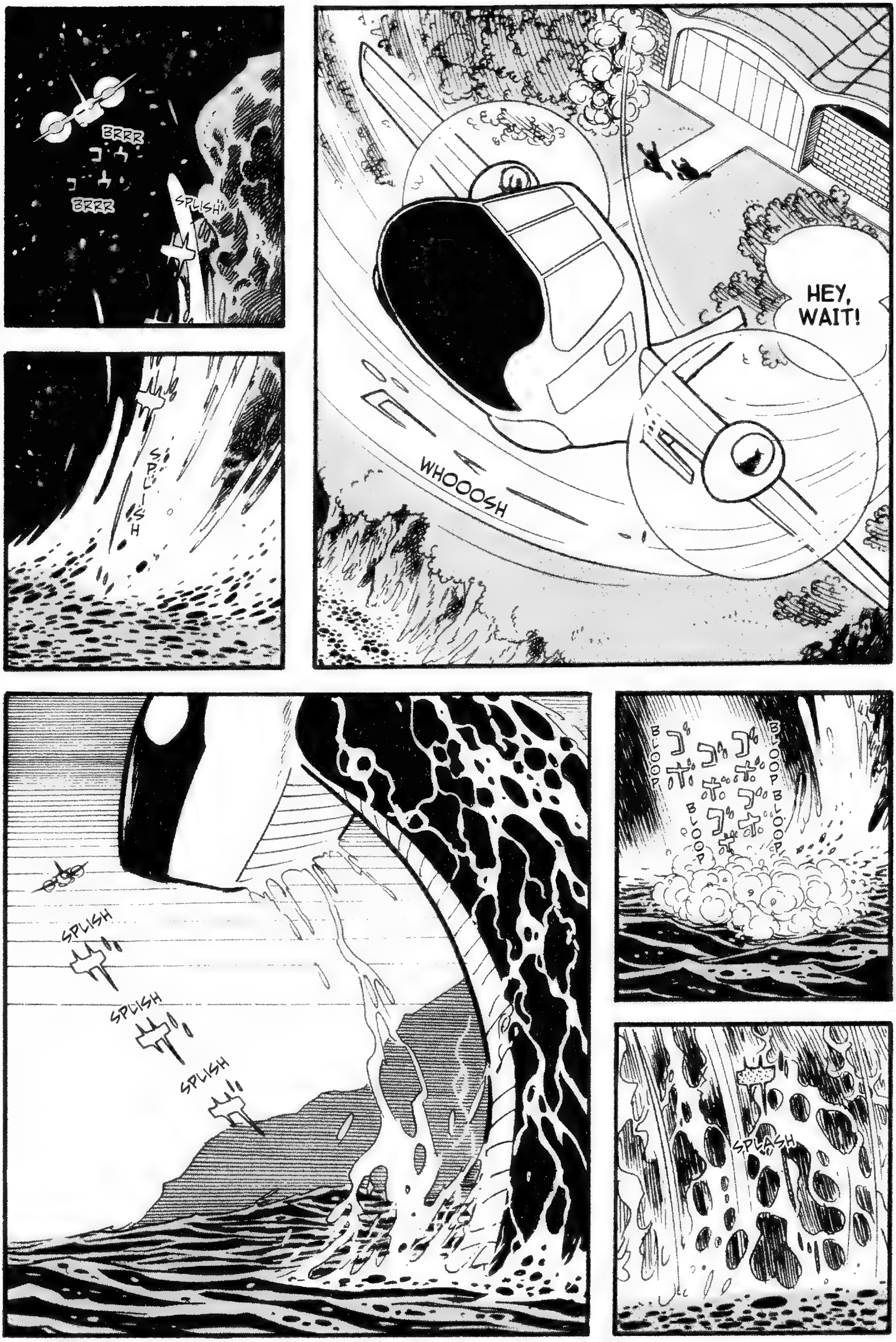
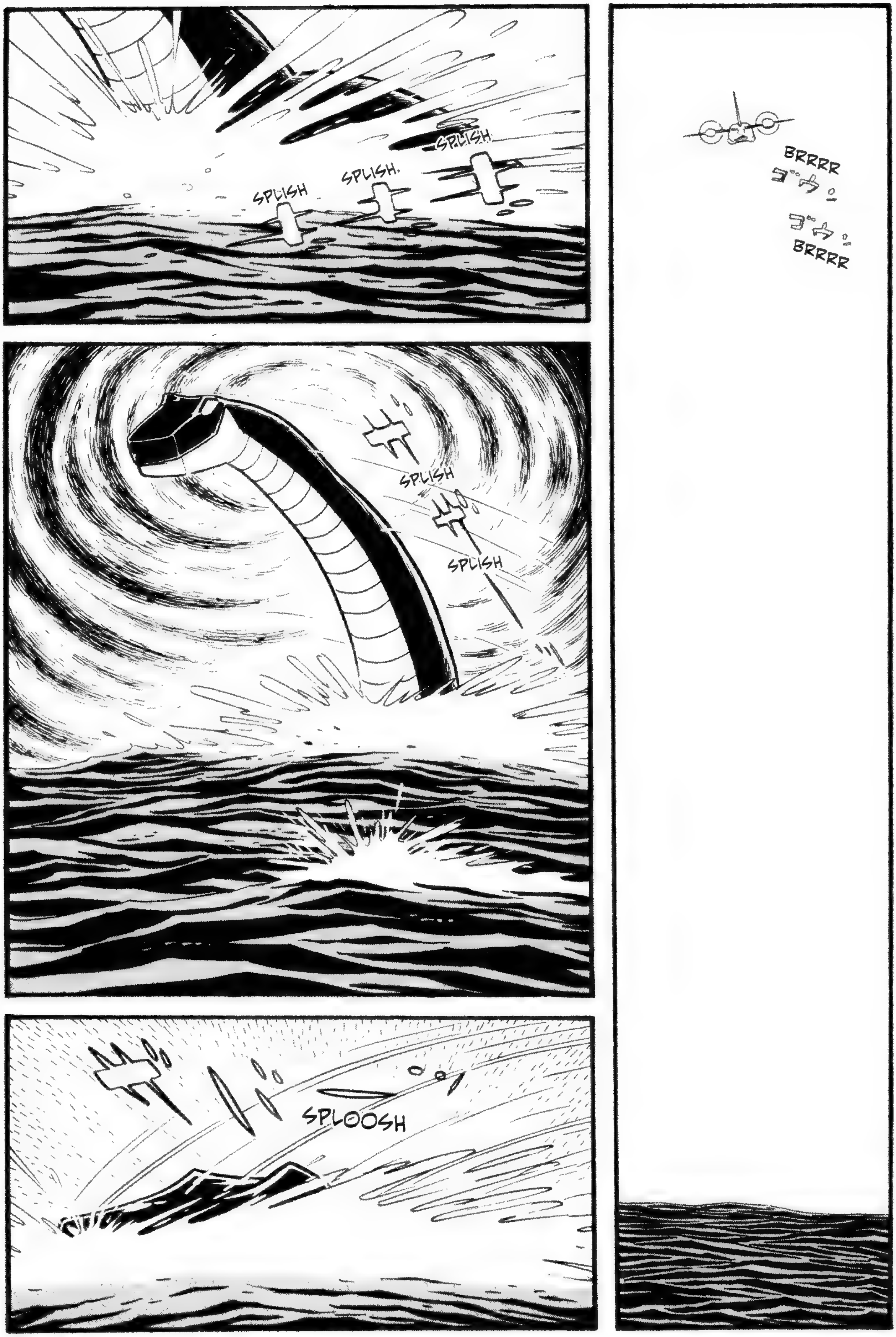
004!
GRIN にやり
WHAT?!
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING?
I MIGHT HAVE BLOWN YOU OUT OF THE SKY!
I COULD HAVE KILLED YOU!
CALM DOWN, JOE!
JUST THOUGHT IT WAS TIME TO PAY YOU A VISIT. IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
I WAS ON MY WAY TO VISIT WHEN I SPOTTED YOUR CAR.
QUITE A SPLASHY SET OF WHEELS.
YOU'RE CRAZY!
I THOUGHT I'D HAVE A LITTLE FUN WITH YOU.
ESPECIALLY WITH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL AT YOUR SIDE.
...AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
HMM...
I'M SORRY, GUYS. I HAD NO IDEA. I DIDN'T MEAN TO STARTLE YOU.
THAT'S OKAY, 004. TO BE HONEST, I WAS EXTREMELY EXCITED.
THIS IS...
HELLO. I'M HELEN.


SO TELL ME, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN JAPAN?
WELL, AS YOU KNOW, BLACK GHOST IS UP TO HIS DIRTY TRICKS AGAIN.
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ANY MORE, YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH ME TO MEET DR. GILMORE.
JOE? CAN I COME ALONG?
......
I'M SORRY. THIS IS NO PLACE FOR A WOMAN.
DON'T BE A PIG, 004!
......
I PROMISE... I WON'T INTERFERE.
I'M SORRY, HELEN. 004'S NOT A BAD GUY, JUST A LITTLE OLD-FASHIONED.
HMPH.
BRING HER IF YOU WANT.
BUT SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE WHAT SHE HEARS.
I'LL BE FINE.


GO EASY ON THEM, 004.
LOOKS LIKE WE HAD AN AUDIENCE.
WHO ARE YOU?
DASH
Murmur
CHAK
DON'T BE JEALOUS.
WHY? ARE YOU AFRAID THEY'RE FANS OF YOURS?
FOOOOOO
バラバラバラ
WHUP WHUP WHUP
CHAK
CHAK
WHIRRR
WHIRRR


HEY, WAIT!
WHOOOSH
BRRR
ゴゥ
ゴゥ
BRRR
SPLISH
SPLISH
BLOOP
BLOOP
BLOOP BLOOP
SPLASH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH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BRRRR
SPLISH
SPLISH
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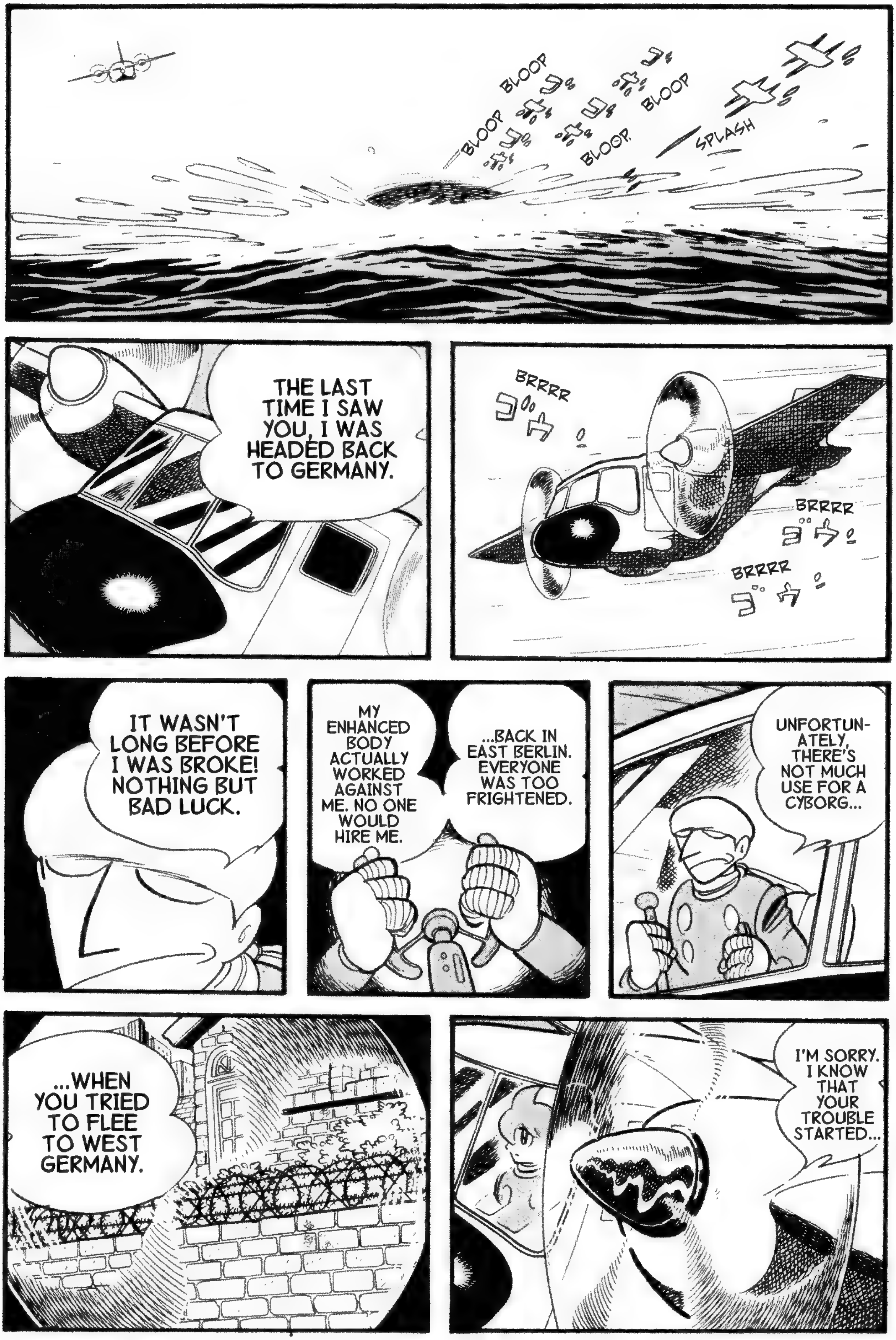
SPLISH
SPLOOSH


SPLASH
BLOOP
BLOOP
BLOOP
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BLOOP
BRRRR
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BRRRR
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BRRRR
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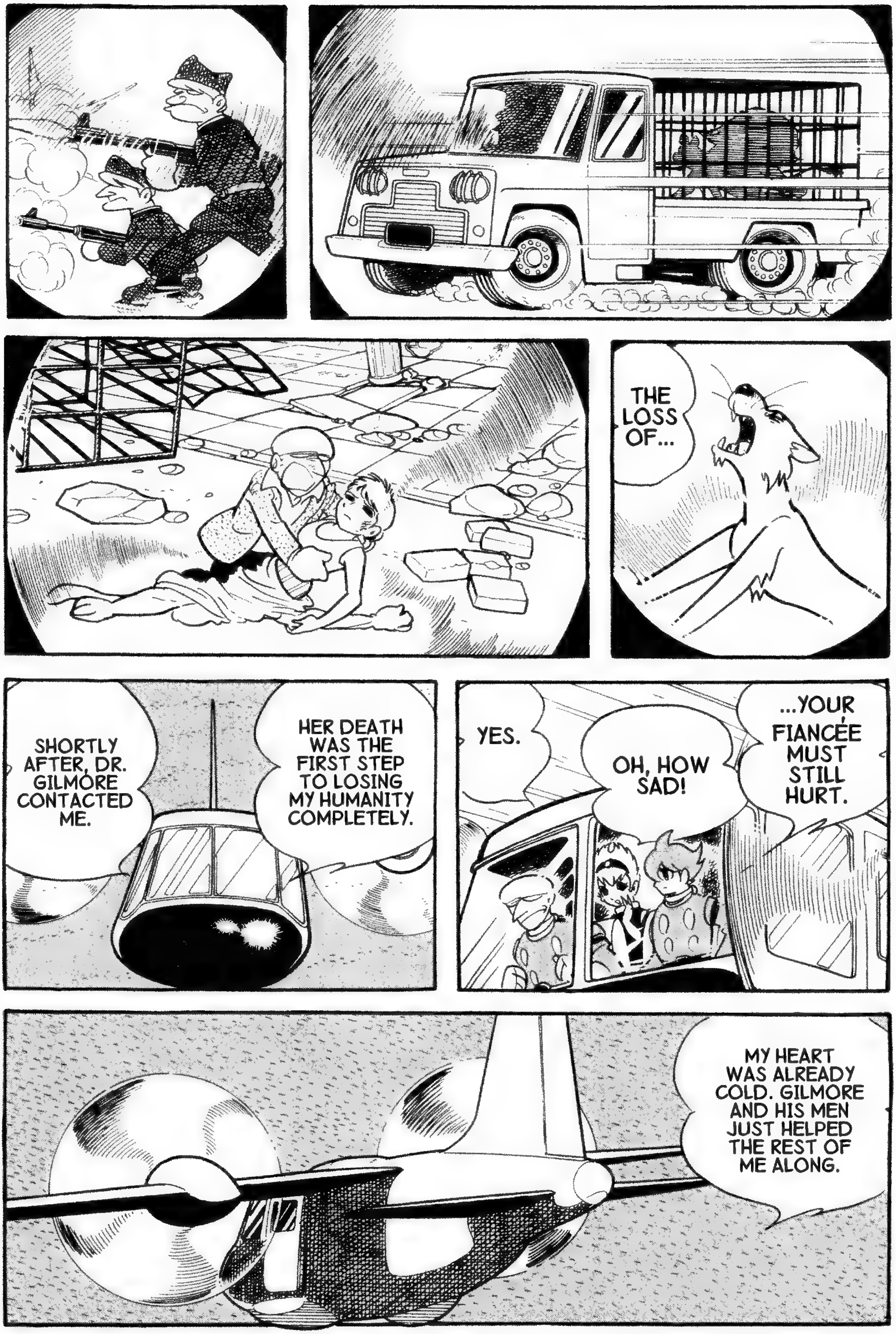
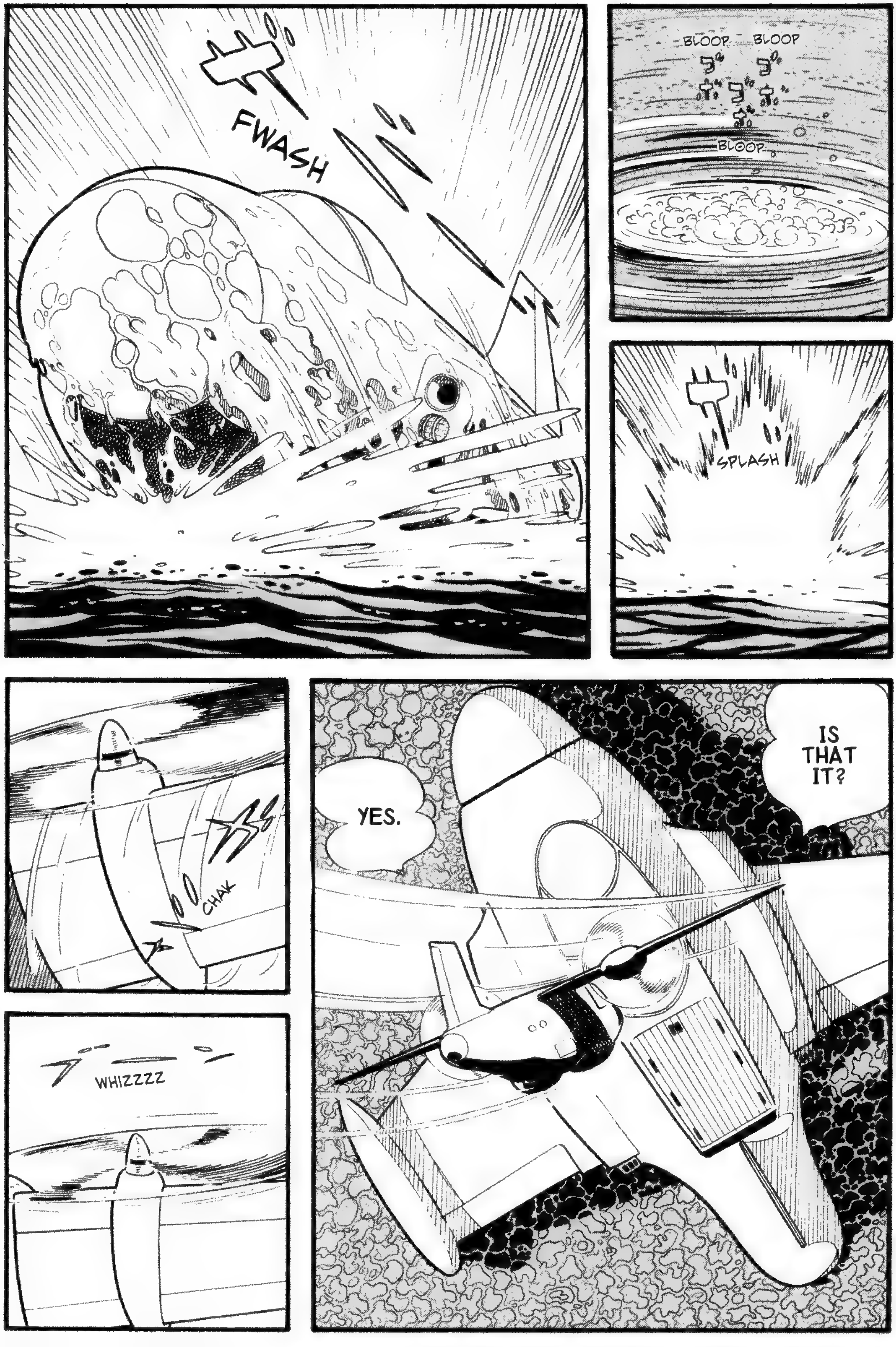
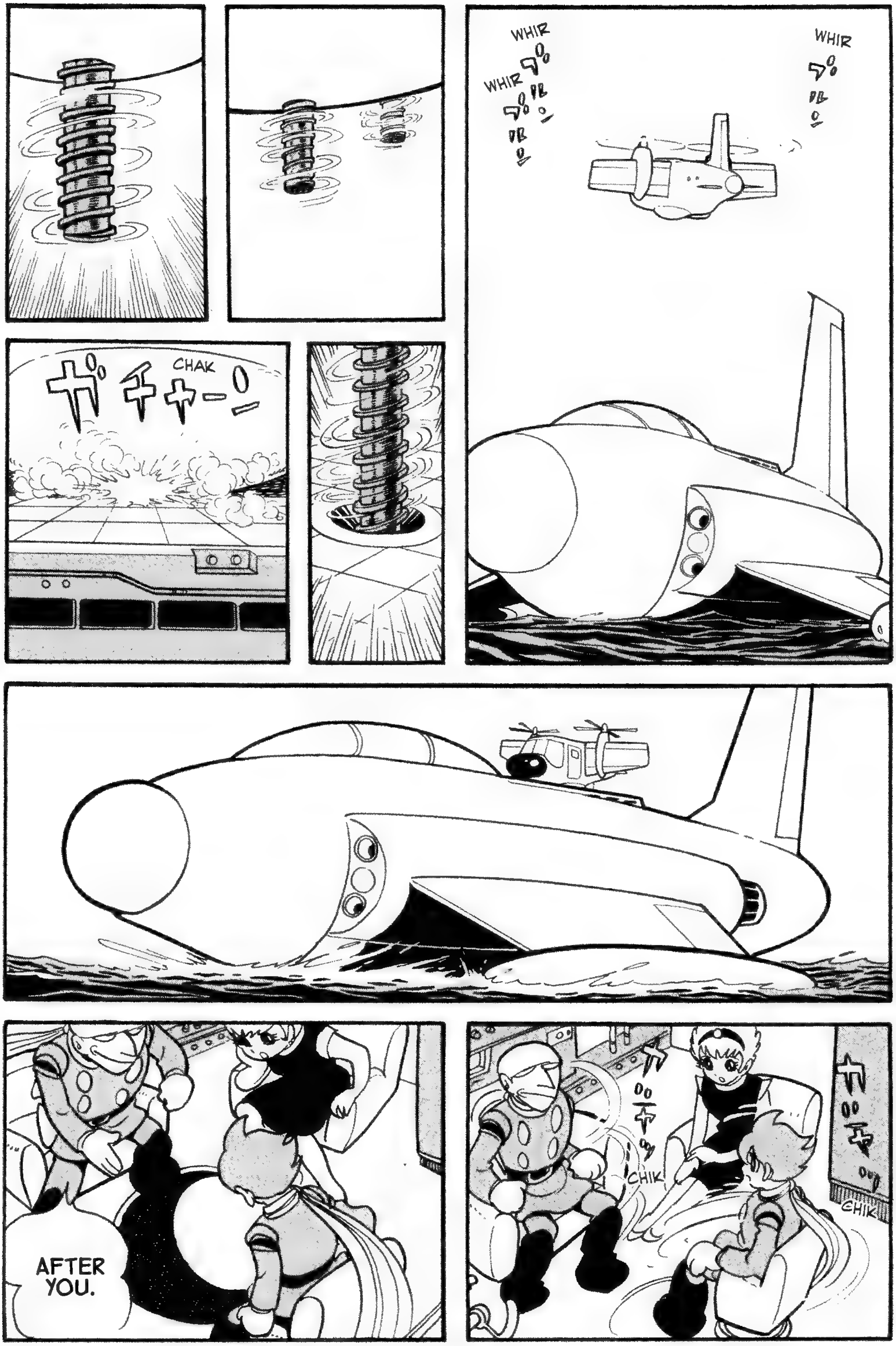
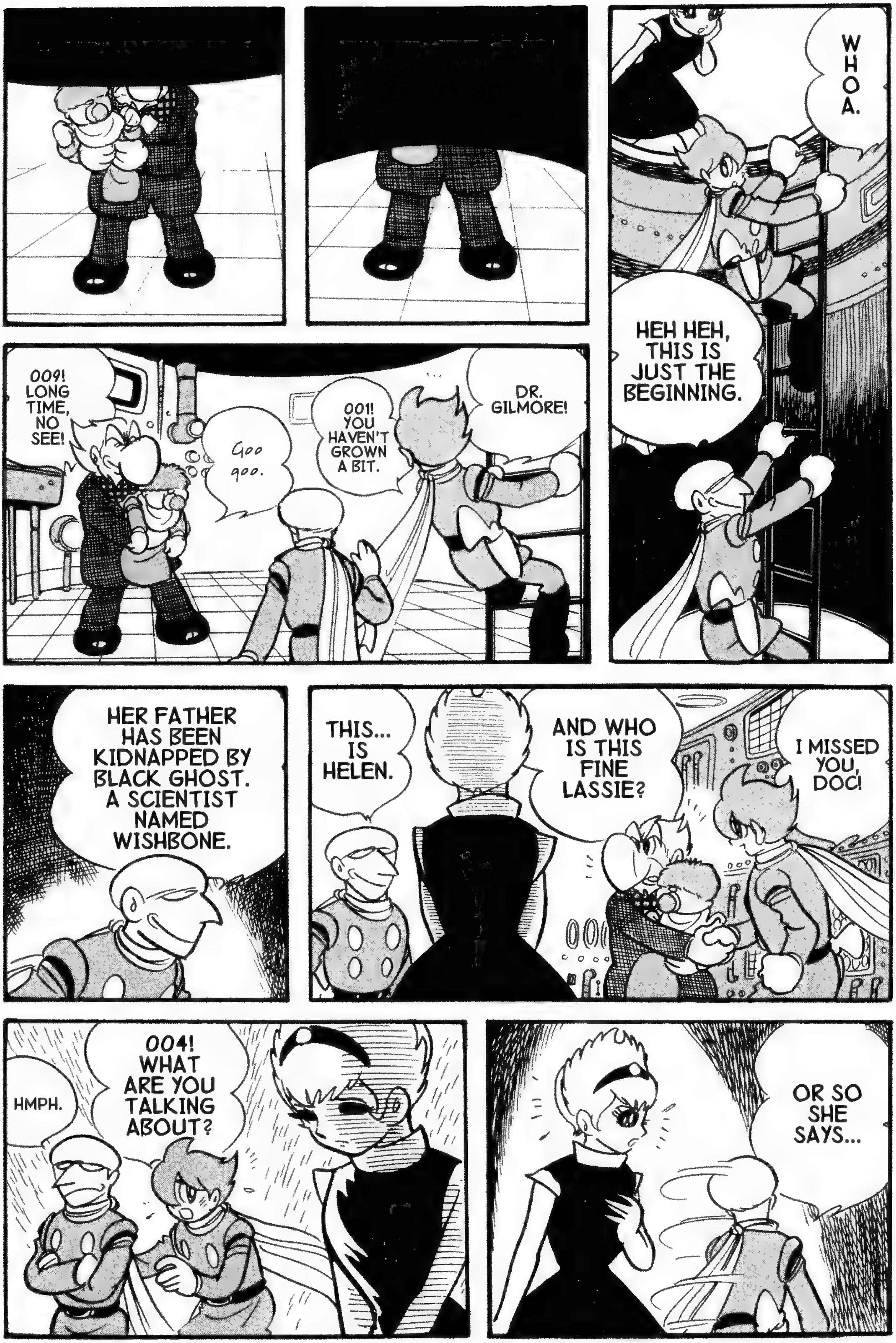
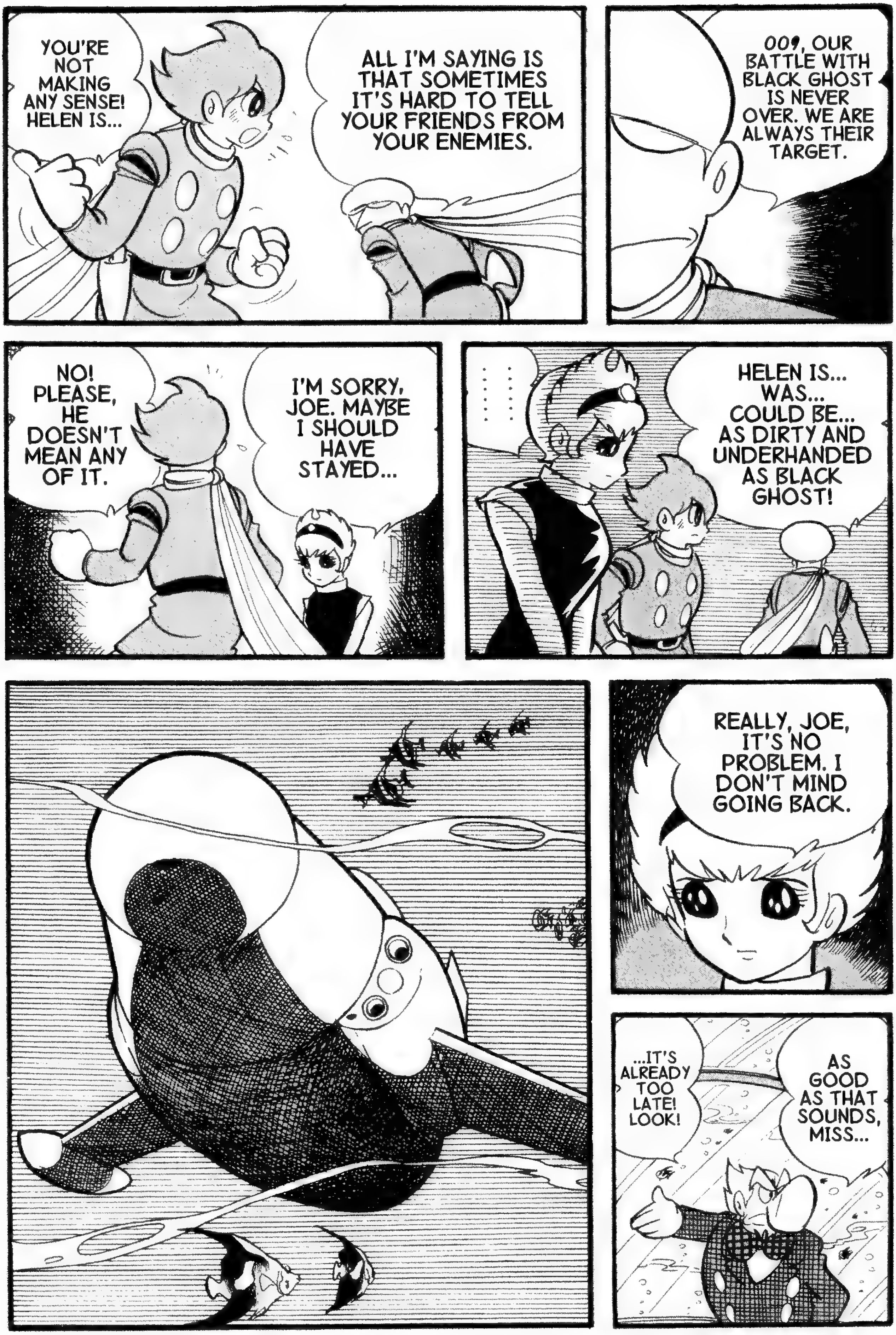
THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU, I WAS HEADED BACK TO GERMANY.
UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S NOT MUCH USE FOR A CYBORG...
...BACK IN EAST BERLIN. EVERYONE WAS TOO FRIGHTENED.
MY ENHANCED BODY ACTUALLY WORKED AGAINST ME. NO ONE WOULD HIRE ME.
IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE I WAS BROKE! NOTHING BUT BAD LUCK.
I'M SORRY. I KNOW THAT YOUR TROUBLE STARTED...
...WHEN YOU TRIED TO FLEE TO WEST GERMANY.

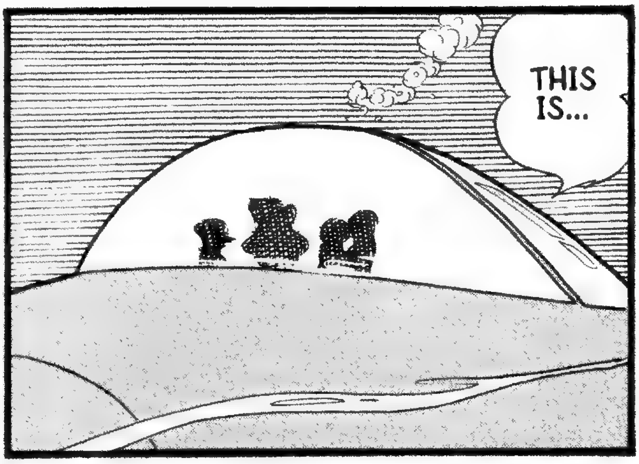

THE LOSS OF...
...YOUR FIANCÉE MUST STILL HURT.
OH, HOW SAD!
YES.
HER DEATH WAS THE FIRST STEP TO LOSING MY HUMANITY COMPLETELY.
SHORTLY AFTER, DR. GILMORE CONTACTED ME.
MY HEART WAS ALREADY COLD. GILMORE AND HIS MEN JUST HELPED THE REST OF ME ALONG.

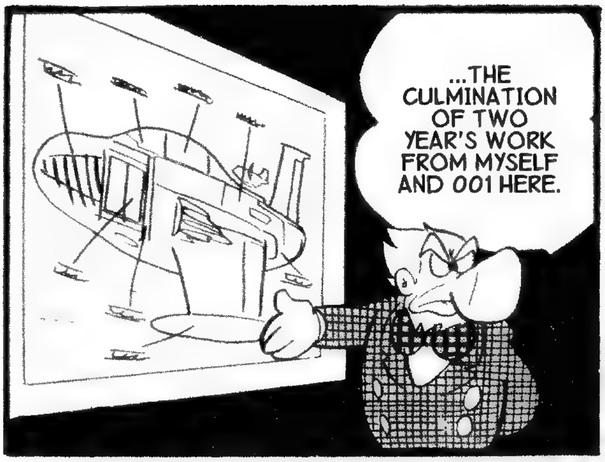

FWASH
BLOOP
BLOOP
BLOOP
SPLASH
CHAK
WHIZZZZ
IS THAT IT?
YES.

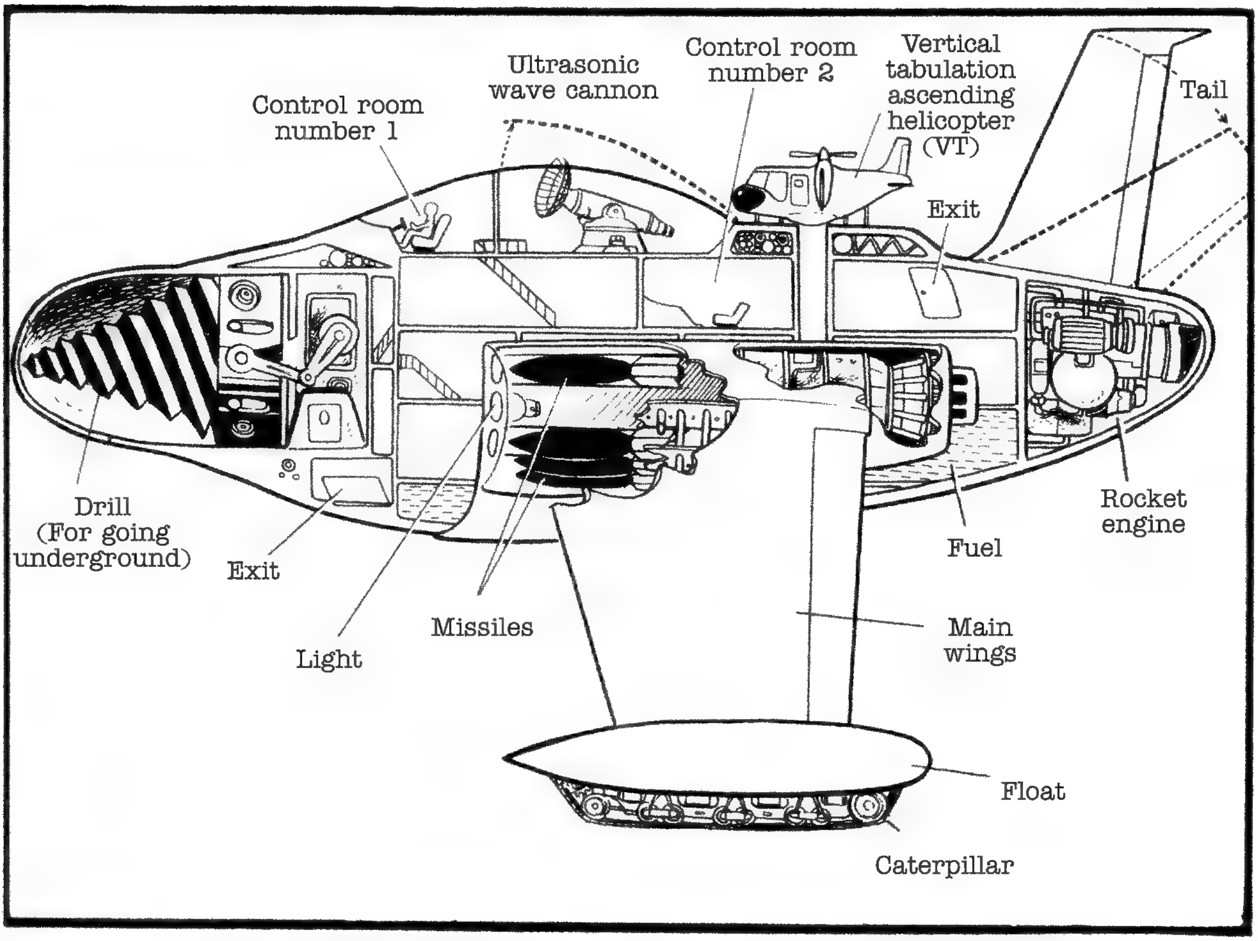

ガチャーン
CHAK
WHIR
WHIR
WHIR
AFTER YOU.
CHIK
CHIK

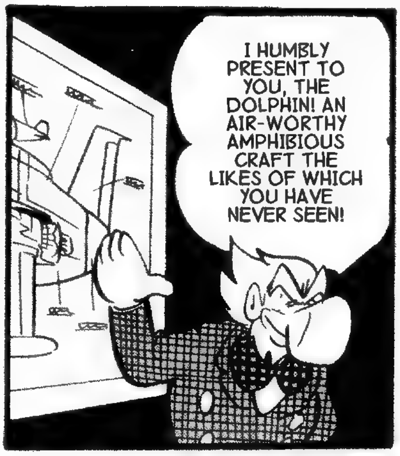

WHOA.
HEH HEH, THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.
DR. GILMORE!
001! YOU HAVEN'T GROWN A BIT.
Goo goo.
009! LONG TIME, NO SEE!
I MISSED YOU, DOC!
AND WHO IS THIS FINE LASSIE?
THIS... IS HELEN.
HER FATHER HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED BY BLACK GHOST. A SCIENTIST NAMED WISHBONE.
OR SO SHE SAYS...
004! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HMPH.

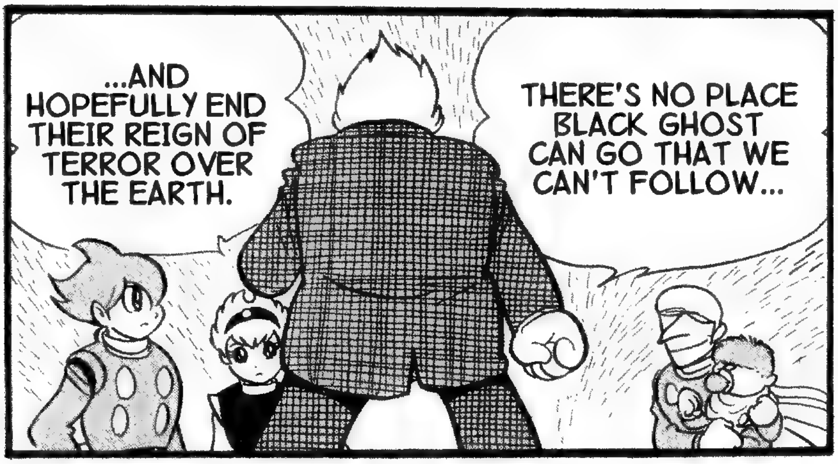

YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE! HELEN IS...
ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS FROM YOUR ENEMIES.
009, OUR BATTLE WITH BLACK GHOST IS NEVER OVER. WE ARE ALWAYS THEIR TARGET.
NO! PLEASE, HE DOESN'T MEAN ANY OF IT.
I'M SORRY, JOE. MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE STAYED...
......
HELEN IS... WAS... COULD BE... AS DIRTY AND UNDERHANDED AS BLACK GHOST!
REALLY, JOE, IT'S NO PROBLEM. I DON'T MIND GOING BACK.
AS GOOD AS THAT SOUNDS, MISS...
...IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE! LOOK!

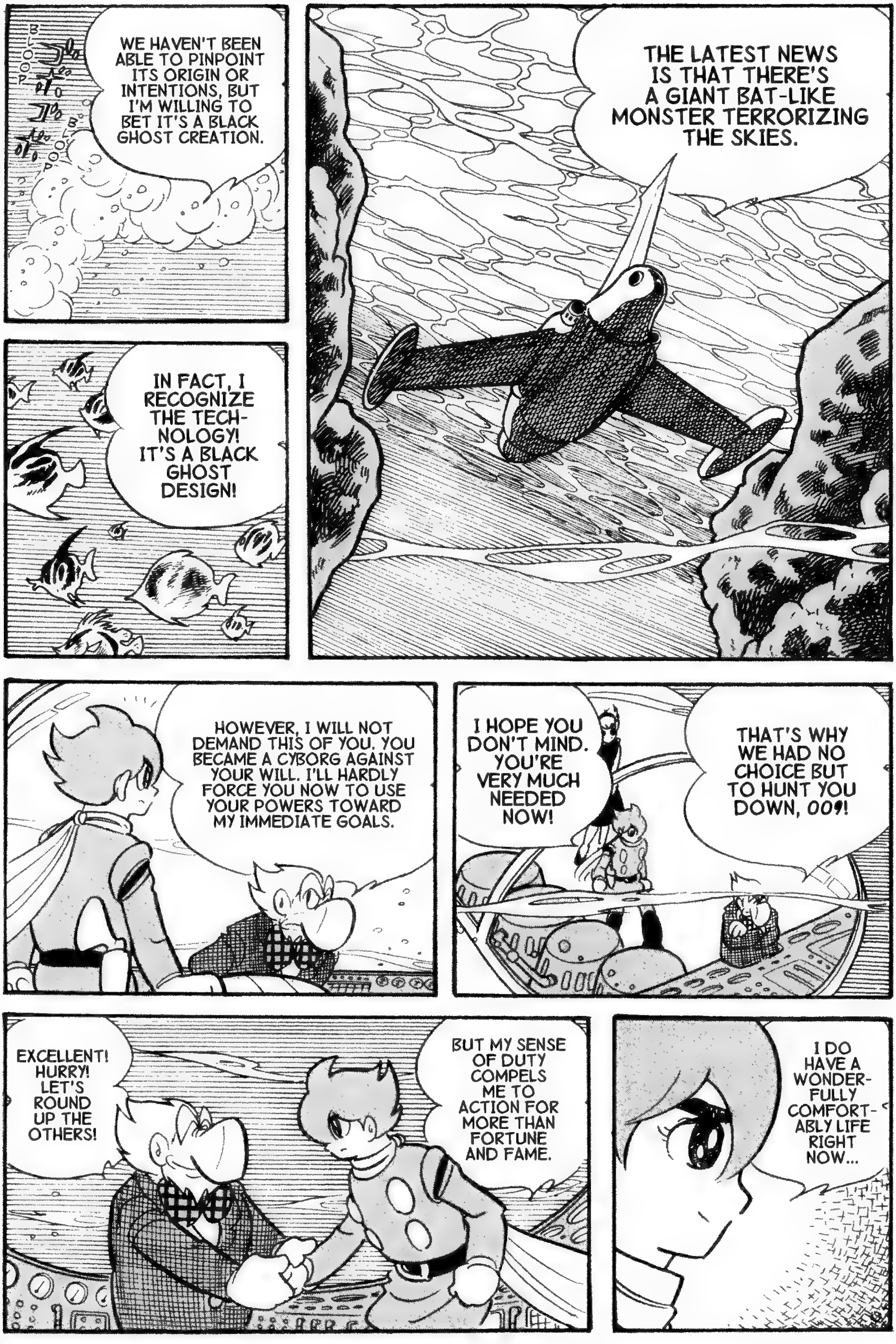

THIS IS...

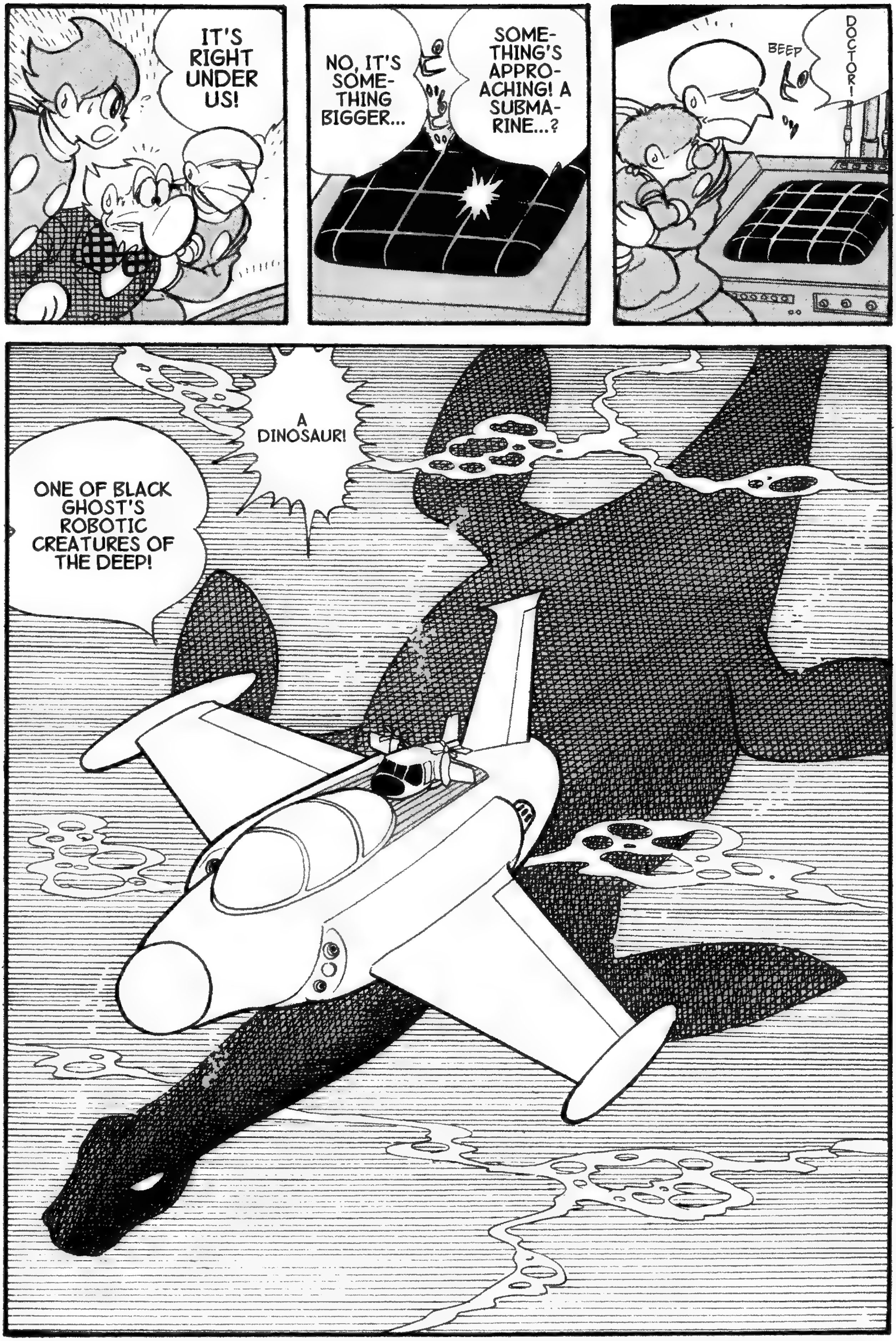

...THE CULMINATION OF TWO YEAR'S WORK FROM MYSELF AND 001 HERE.

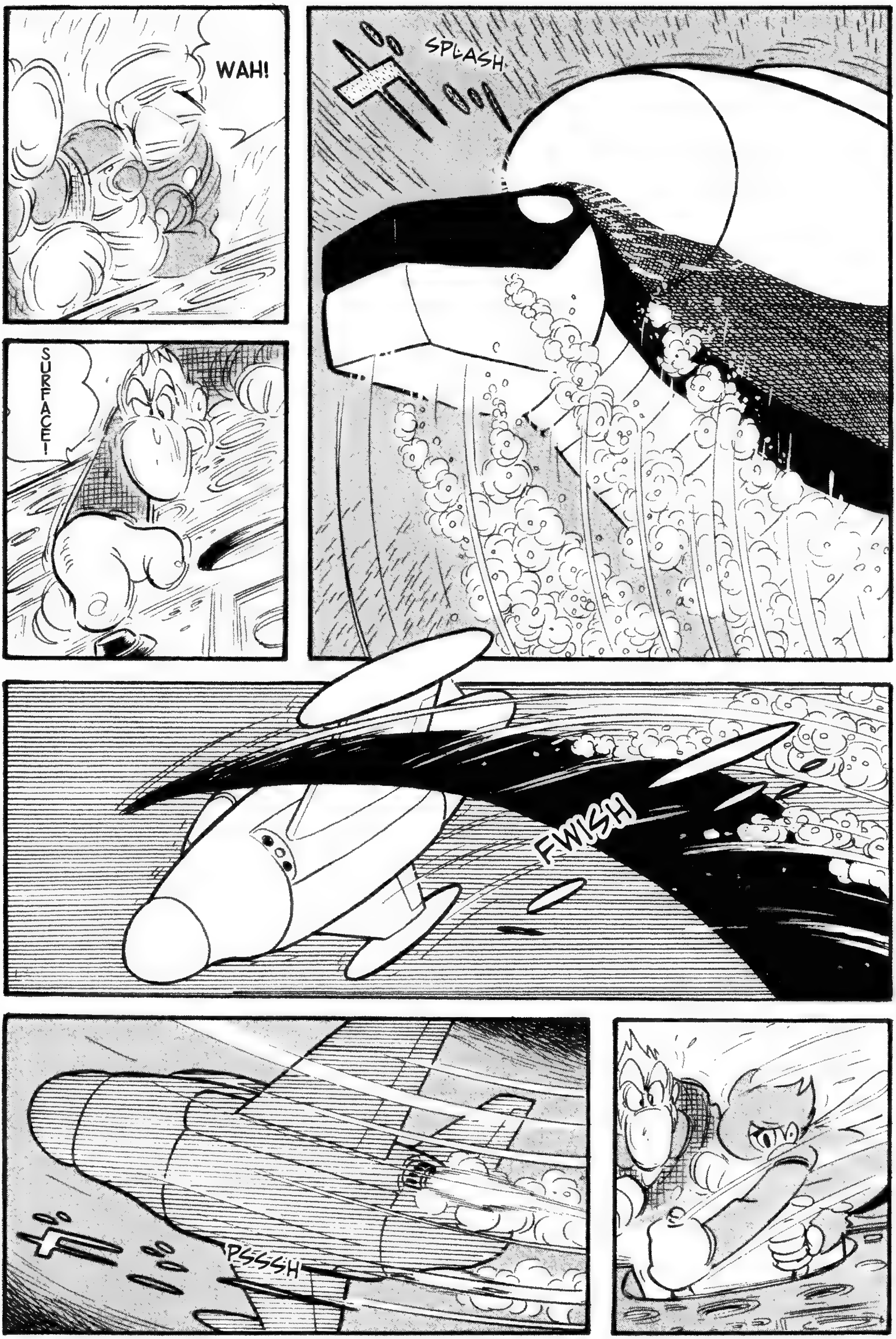

Control room number 1
Ultrasonic wave cannon
Control room number 2
Vertical tabulation ascending helicopter (VT)
Tail
Exit
Drill (For going underground)
Exit
Light
Missiles
Fuel
Rocket engine
Main wings
Float
Caterpillar

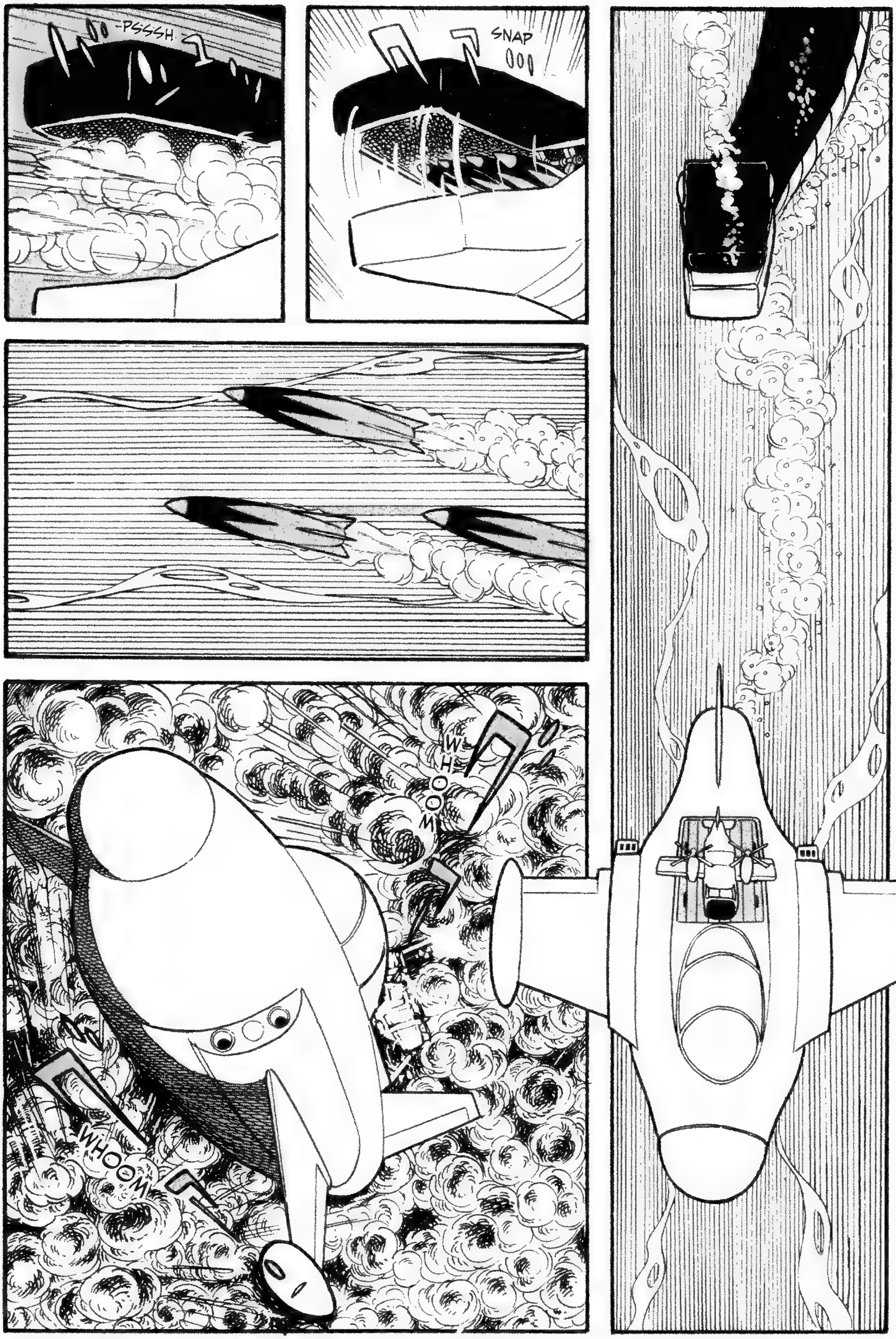

I HUMBLY PRESENT TO YOU, THE DOLPHIN! AN AIR-WORTHY AMPHIBIOUS CRAFT THE LIKES OF WHICH YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN!

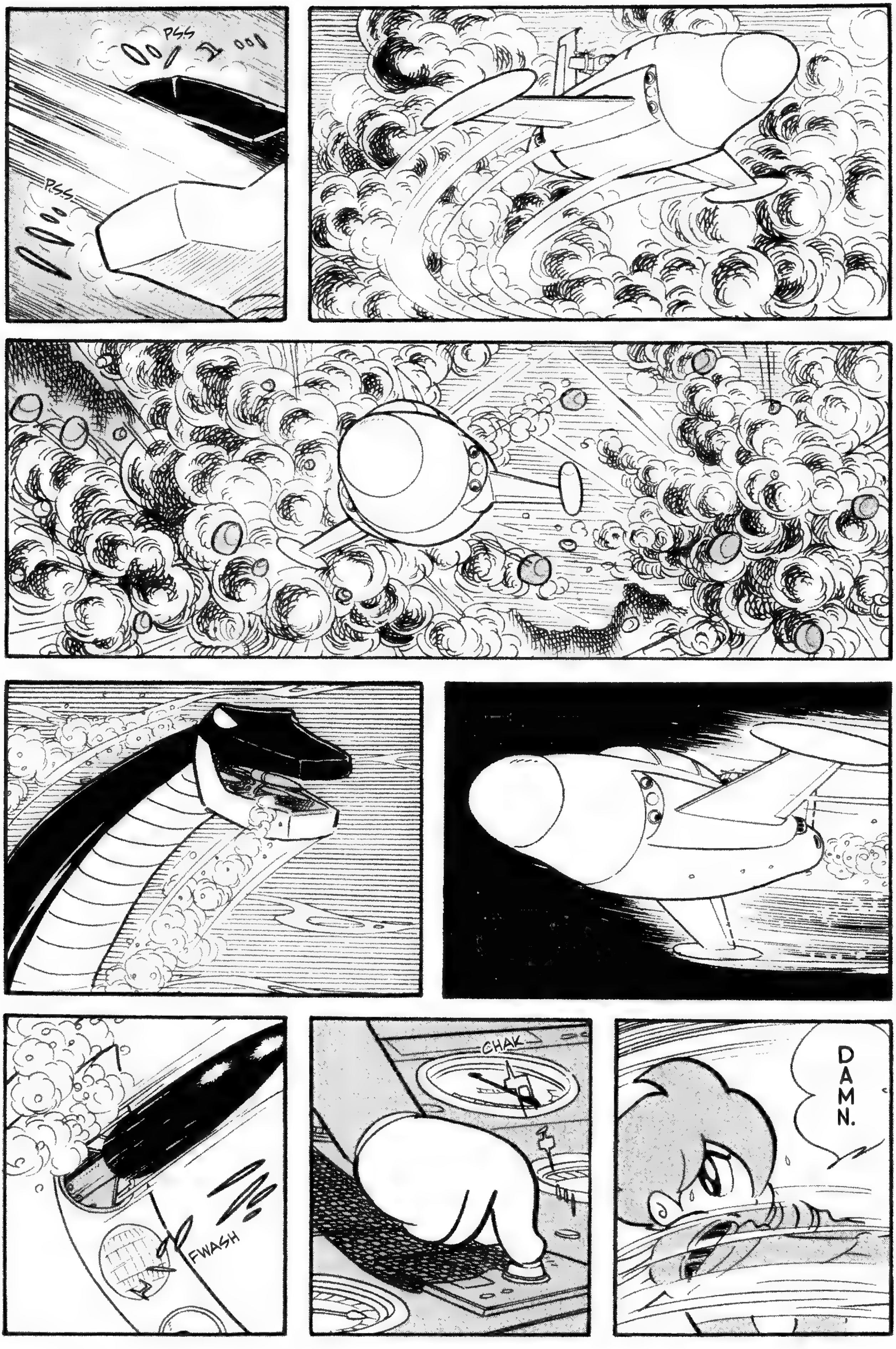

THERE'S NO PLACE BLACK GHOST CAN GO THAT WE CAN'T FOLLOW...
...AND HOPEFULLY END THEIR REIGN OF TERROR OVER THE EARTH.

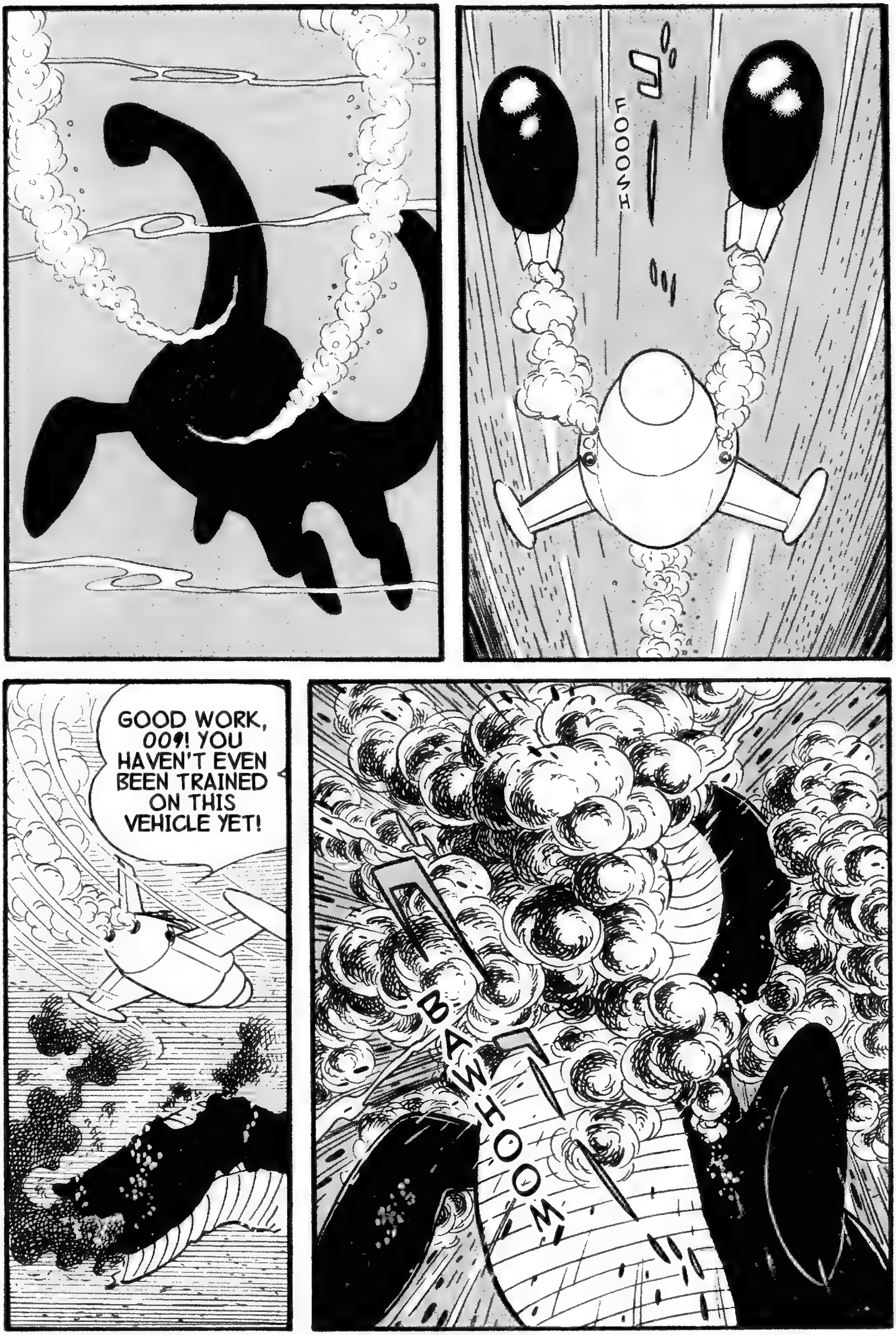

THE LATEST NEWS IS THAT THERE'S A GIANT BAT-LIKE MONSTER TERRORIZING THE SKIES.
BLOOP
BLOOP
WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PINPOINT ITS ORIGIN OR INTENTIONS, BUT I'M WILLING TO BET IT'S A BLACK GHOST CREATION.
IN FACT, I RECOGNIZE THE TECHNOLOGY! IT'S A BLACK GHOST DESIGN!
THAT'S WHY WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO HUNT YOU DOWN, 009!
I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND. YOU'RE VERY MUCH NEEDED NOW!
HOWEVER, I WILL NOT DEMAND THIS OF YOU. YOU BECAME A CYBORG AGAINST YOUR WILL. I'LL HARDLY FORCE YOU NOW TO USE YOUR POWERS TOWARD MY IMMEDIATE GOALS.
I DO HAVE A WONDERFULLY COMFORTABLY LIFE RIGHT NOW...
BUT MY SENSE OF DUTY COMPELS ME TO ACTION FOR MORE THAN FORTUNE AND FAME.
EXCELLENT! HURRY! LET'S ROUND UP THE OTHERS!

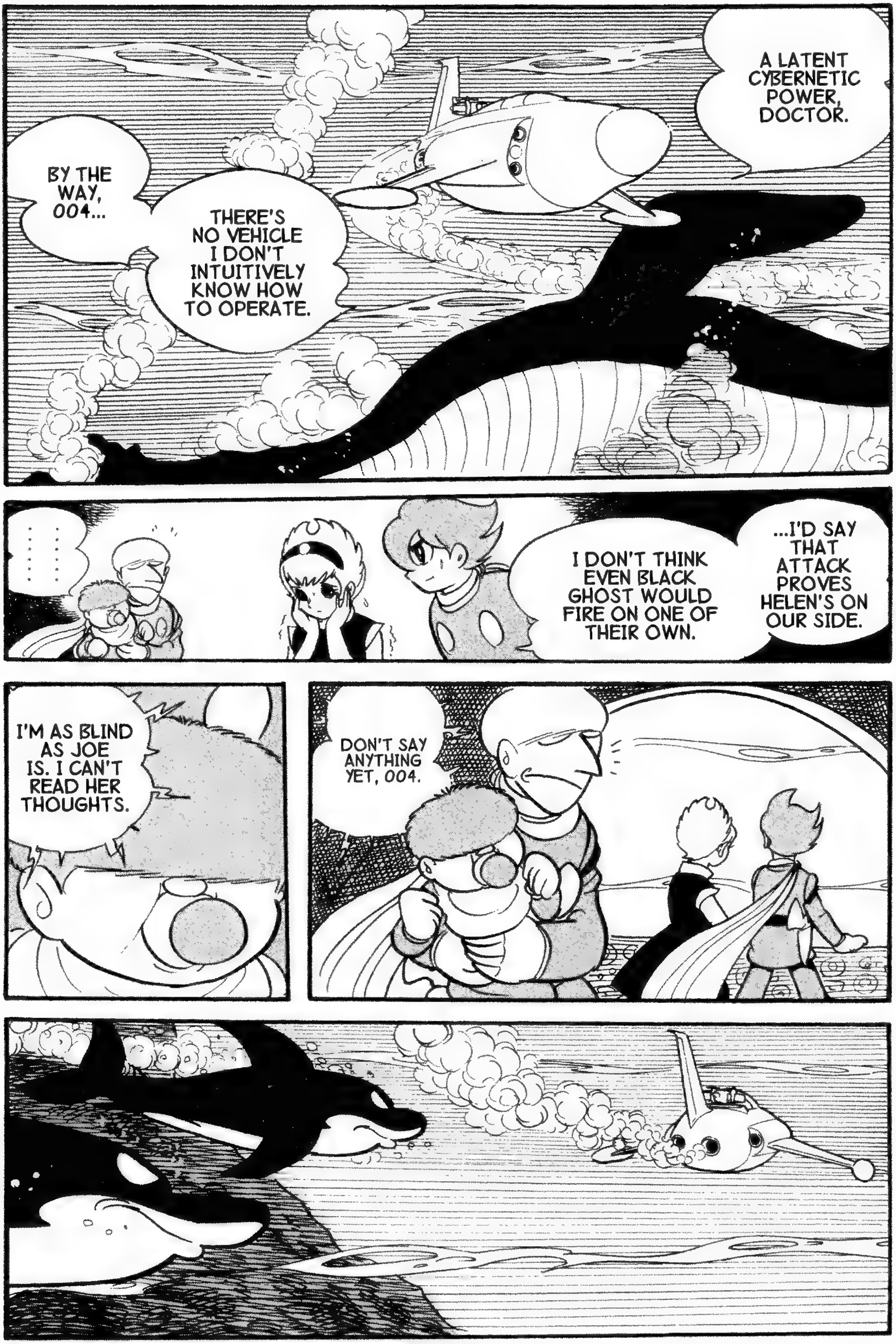

DOCTOR!
BEEP
SOMETHING'S APPROACHING! A SUBMARINE...?
NO, IT'S SOMETHING BIGGER...
IT'S RIGHT UNDER US!
A DINOSAUR!
ONE OF BLACK GHOST'S ROBOTIC CREATURES OF THE DEEP!

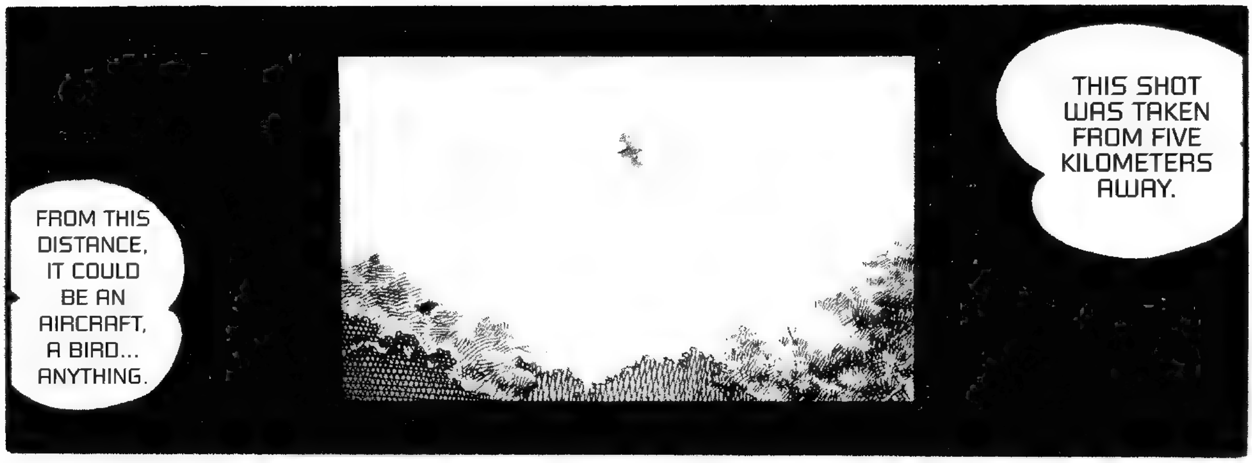

WAH!
SURFACE!
SPLASH
FWISH
PSSSH


PSSSH
SNAP
WHOOM
WHOOM

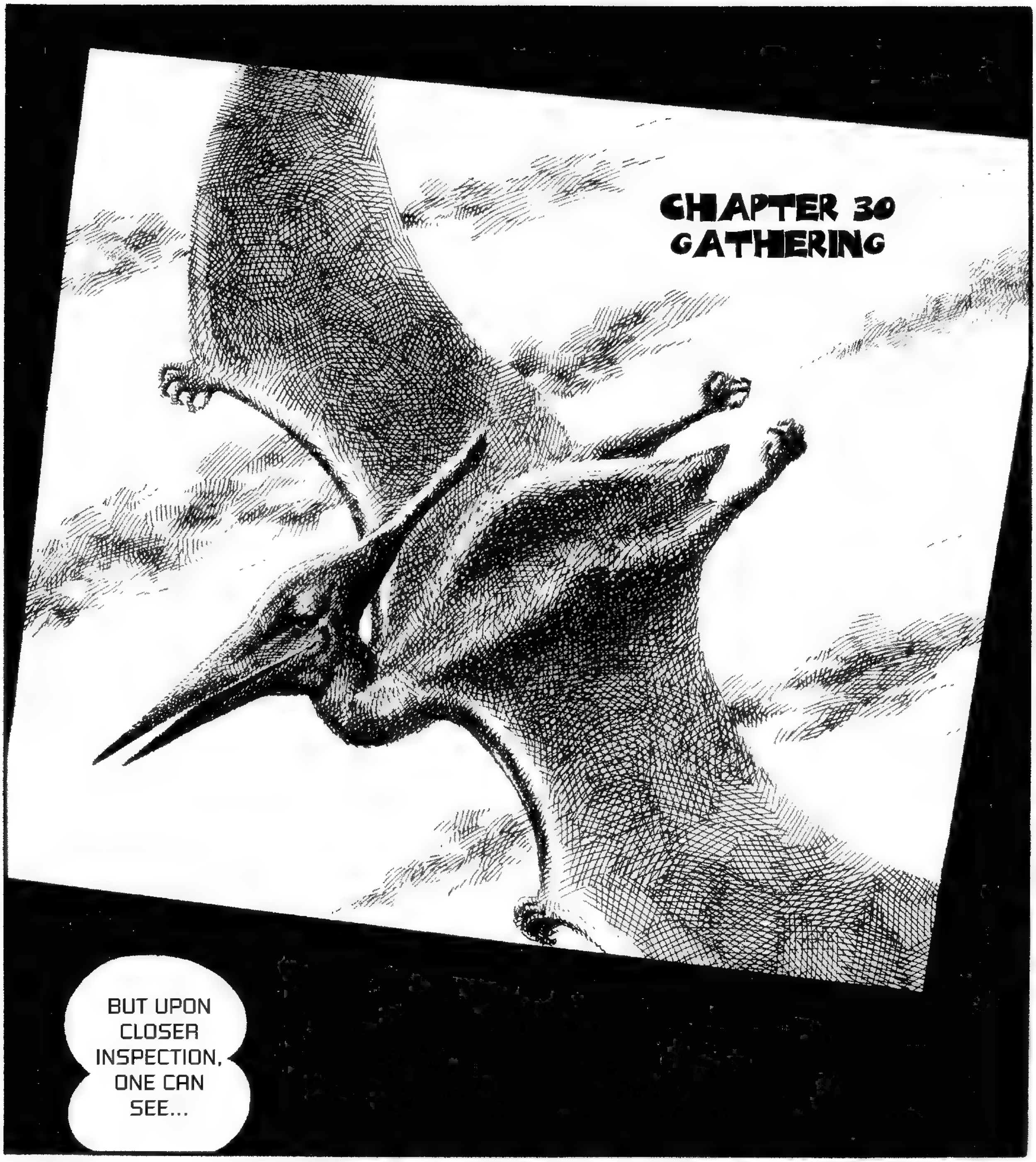

PSS
PSS
FWASH
CHAK
DAMN.

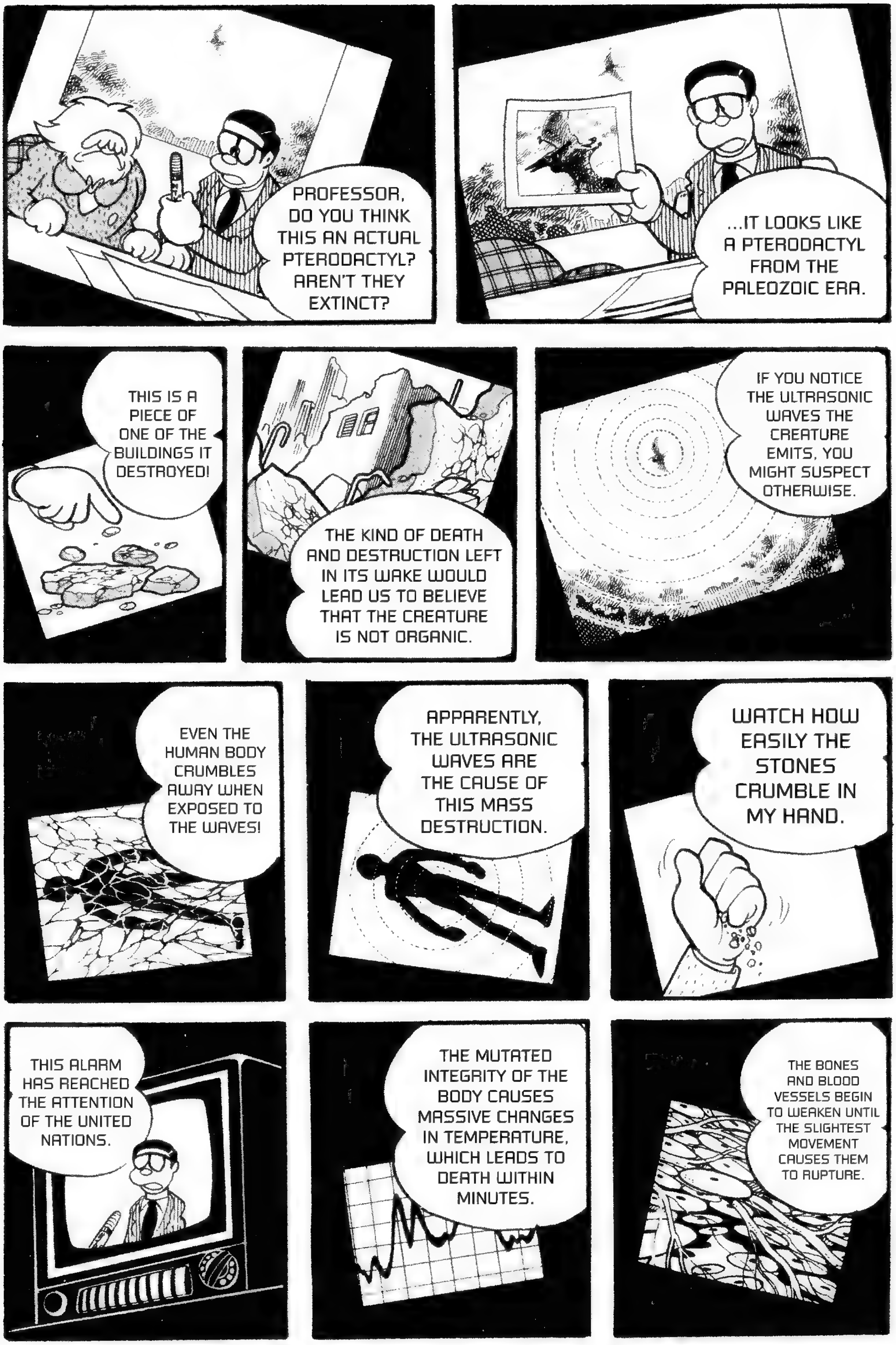

FOOOSH
GOOD WORK, 009! YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN TRAINED ON THIS VEHICLE YET!
BAWHOOM

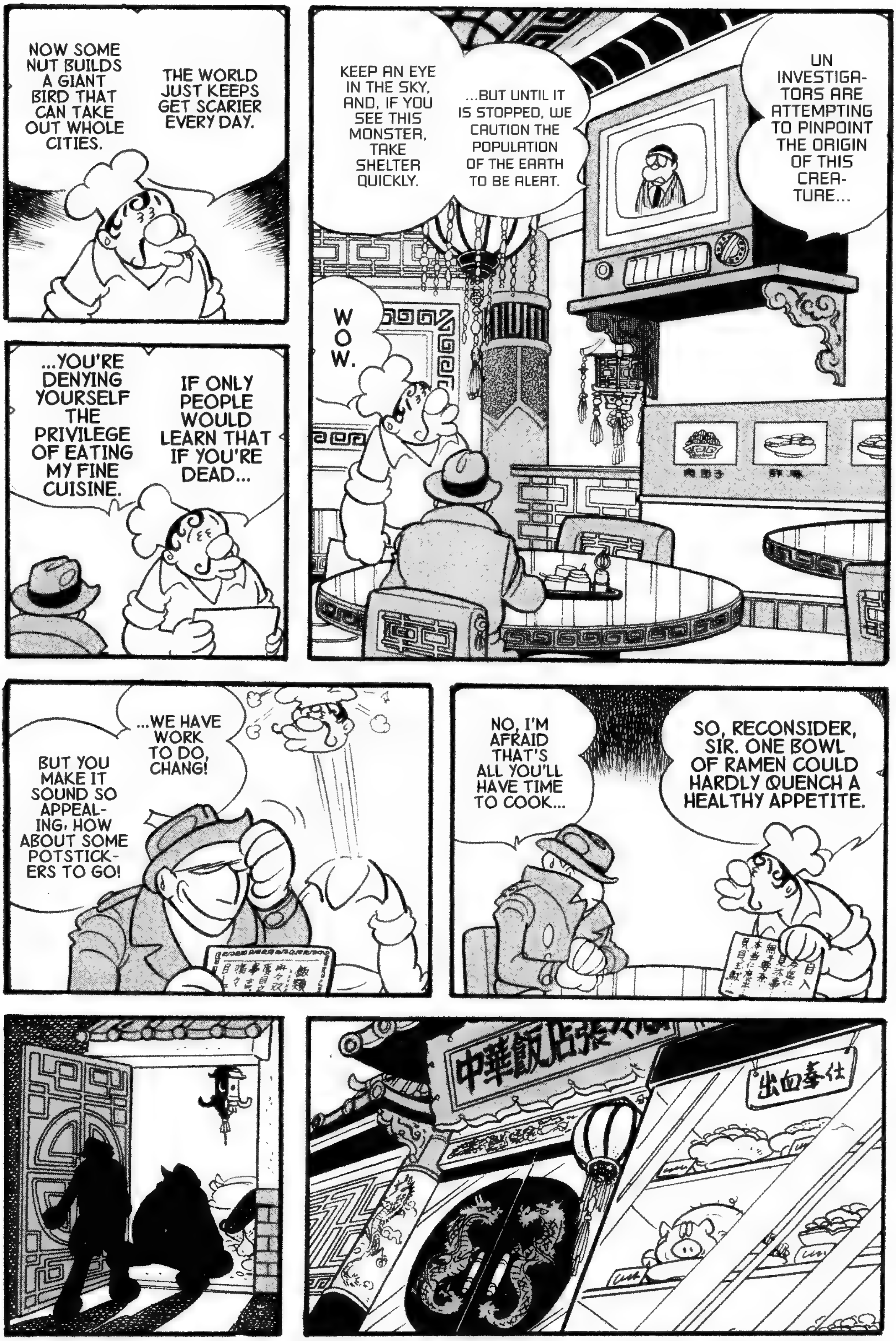

THERE'S NO VEHICLE I DON'T INTUITIVELY KNOW HOW TO OPERATE.
A LATENT CYBERNETIC POWER, DOCTOR.
BY THE WAY, 004...
I DON'T THINK EVEN BLACK GHOST WOULD FIRE ON ONE OF THEIR OWN.
...I'D SAY THAT ATTACK PROVES HELEN'S ON OUR SIDE.
......
DON'T SAY ANYTHING YET, 004.
I'M AS BLIND AS JOE IS. I CAN'T READ HER THOUGHTS.


THIS SHOT WAS TAKEN FROM FIVE KILOMETERS AWAY.
FROM THIS DISTANCE, IT COULD BE AN AIRCRAFT, A BIRD... ANYTHING.

CHAPTER 30
GATHERING


BUT UPON CLOSER INSPECTION, ONE CAN SEE...

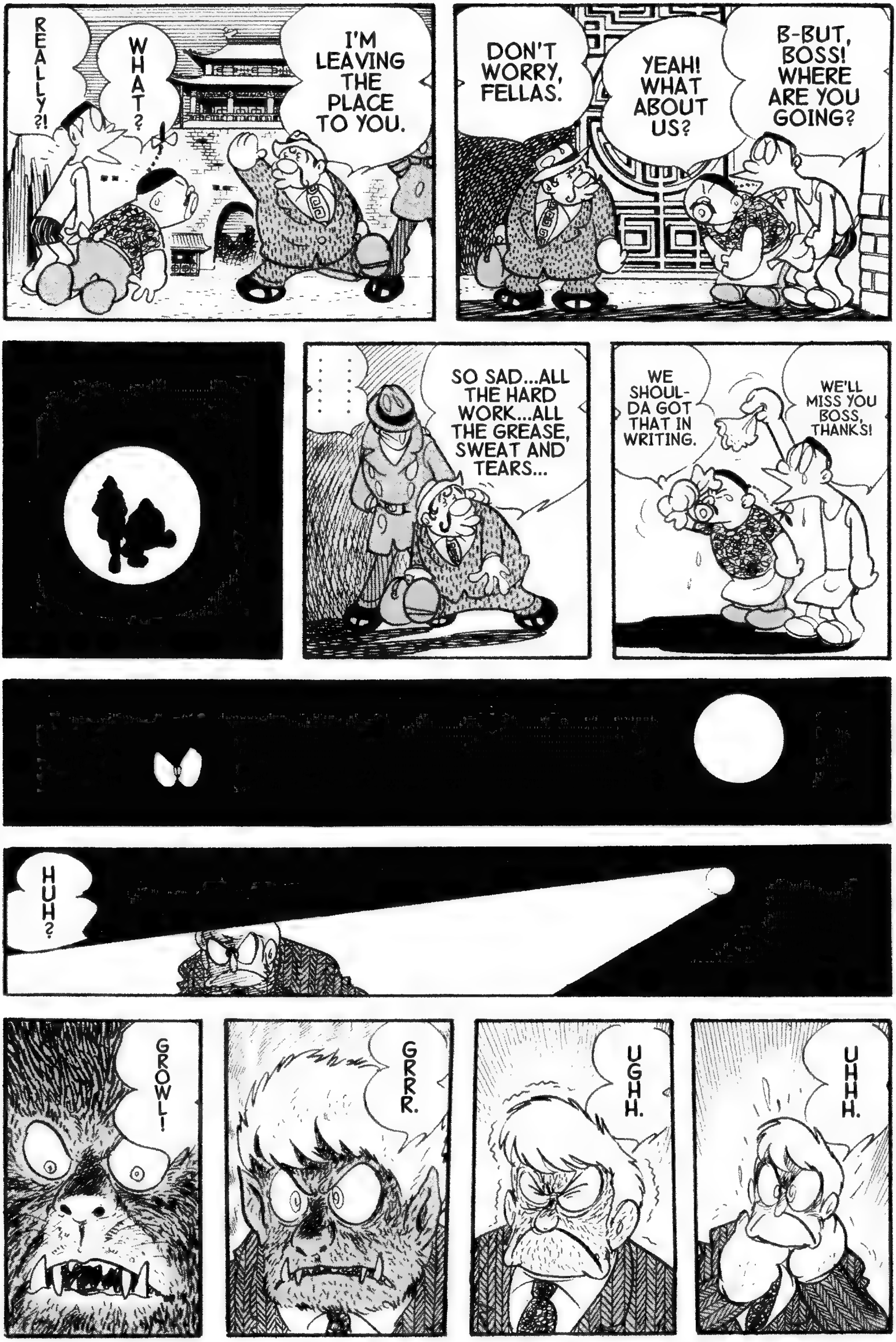

PROFESSOR, DO YOU THINK THIS AN ACTUAL PTERODACTYL? AREN'T THEY EXTINCT?
...IT LOOKS LIKE A PTERODACTYL FROM THE PALEOZOIC ERA.
THIS IS A PIECE OF ONE OF THE BUILDINGS IT DESTROYED!
THE KIND OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION LEFT IN ITS WAKE WOULD LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT THE CREATURE IS NOT ORGANIC.
IF YOU NOTICE THE ULTRASONIC WAVES THE CREATURE EMITS, YOU MIGHT SUSPECT OTHERWISE.
EVEN THE HUMAN BODY CRUMBLES AWAY WHEN EXPOSED TO THE WAVES!
APPARENTLY, THE ULTRASONIC WAVES ARE THE CAUSE OF THIS MASS DESTRUCTION.
WATCH HOW EASILY THE STONES CRUMBLE IN MY HAND.
THIS ALARM HAS REACHED THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS.
THE MUTATED INTEGRITY OF THE BODY CAUSES MASSIVE CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE, WHICH LEADS TO DEATH WITHIN MINUTES.
THE BONES AND BLOOD VESSELS BEGIN TO WEAKEN UNTIL THE SLIGHTEST MOVEMENT CAUSES THEM TO RUPTURE.

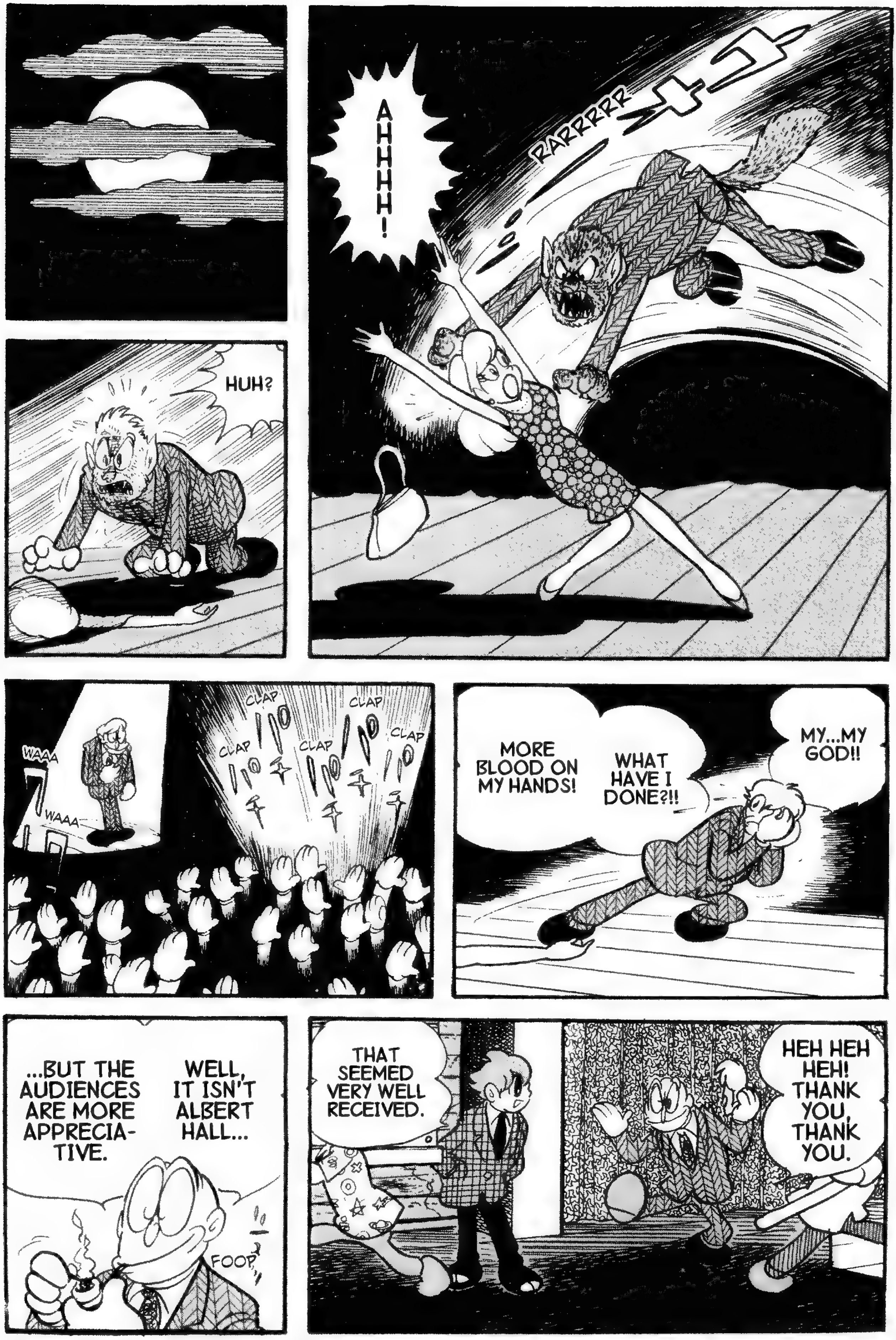


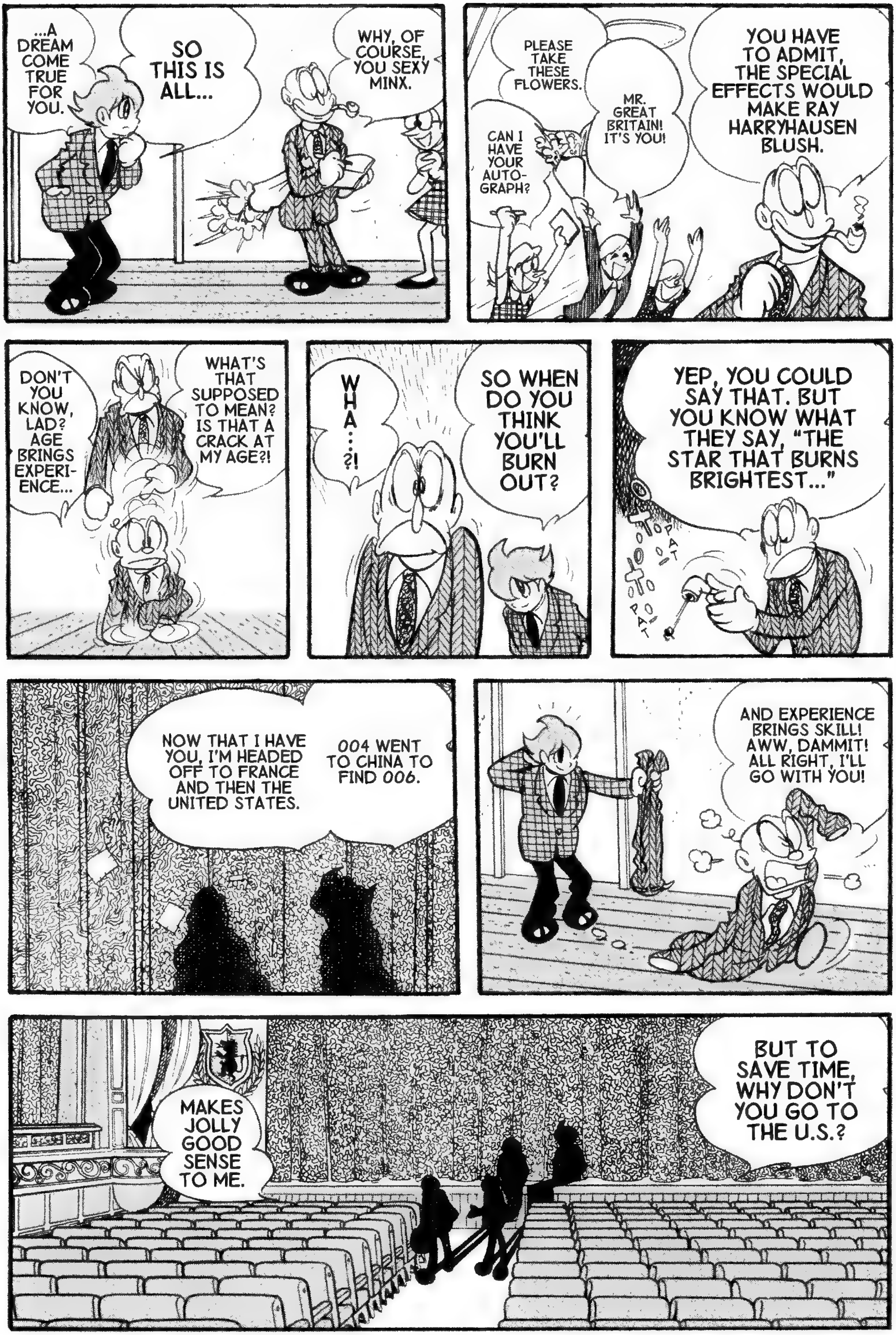
UN INVESTIGATORS ARE ATTEMPTING TO PINPOINT THE ORIGIN OF THIS CREATURE...
...BUT UNTIL IT IS STOPPED, WE CAUTION THE POPULATION OF THE EARTH TO BE ALERT.
KEEP AN EYE IN THE SKY, AND, IF YOU SEE THIS MONSTER, TAKE SHELTER QUICKLY.
WOW.
THE WORLD JUST KEEPS GET SCARIER EVERY DAY.
NOW SOME NUT BUILDS A GIANT BIRD THAT CAN TAKE OUT WHOLE CITIES.
IF ONLY PEOPLE WOULD LEARN THAT IF YOU'RE DEAD...
...YOU'RE DENYING YOURSELF THE PRIVILEGE OF EATING MY FINE CUISINE.
SO, RECONSIDER, SIR. ONE BOWL OF RAMEN COULD HARDLY QUENCH A HEALTHY APPETITE.
NO, I'M AFRAID THAT'S ALL YOU'LL HAVE TIME TO COOK...
...WE HAVE WORK TO DO, CHANG!
BUT YOU MAKE IT SOUND SO APPEALING, HOW ABOUT SOME POTSTICKERS TO GO!
中華飯店張大人
出血奉仕

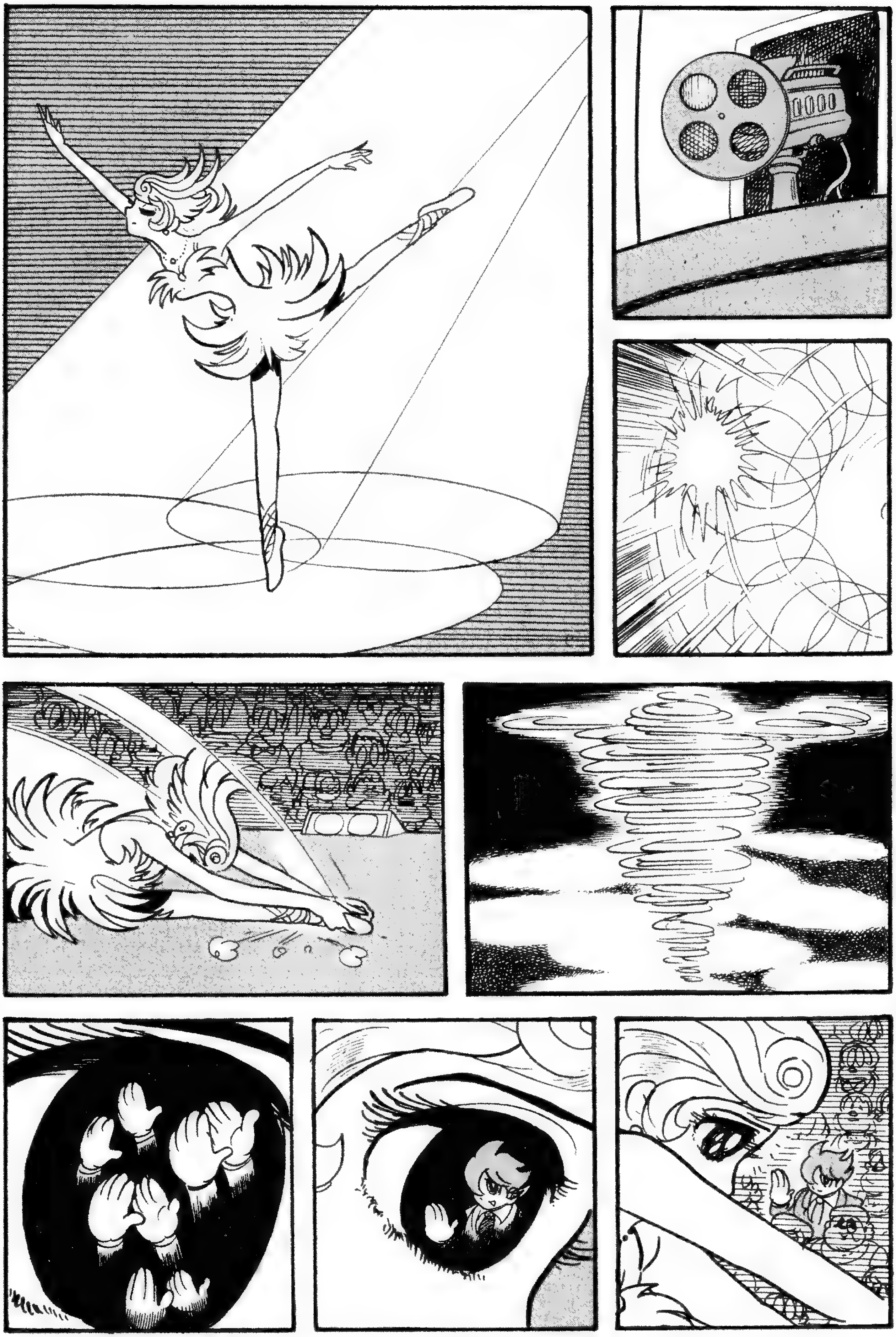
Main sign: Chang's Chinese Restaurant

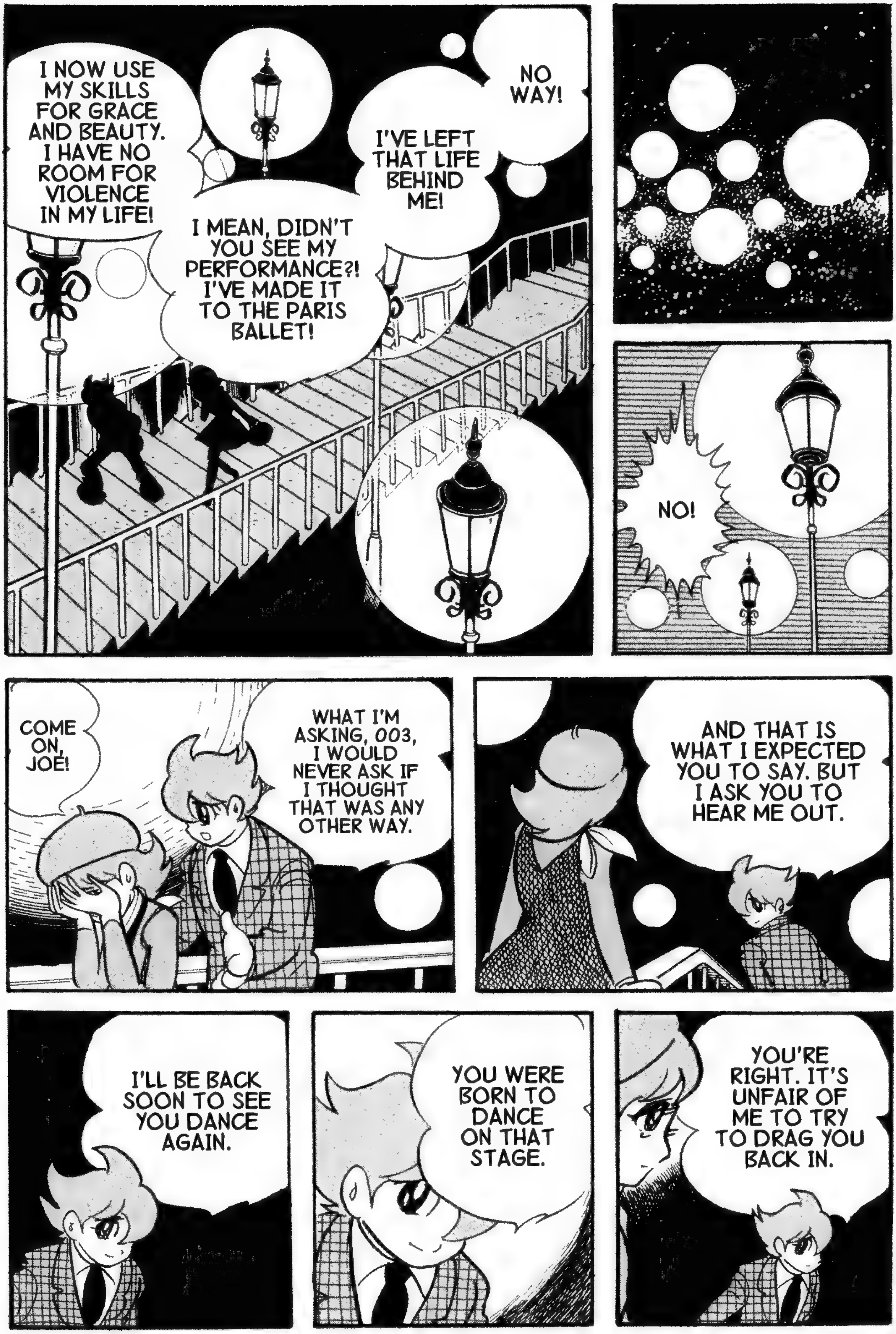
Sign: Specialties

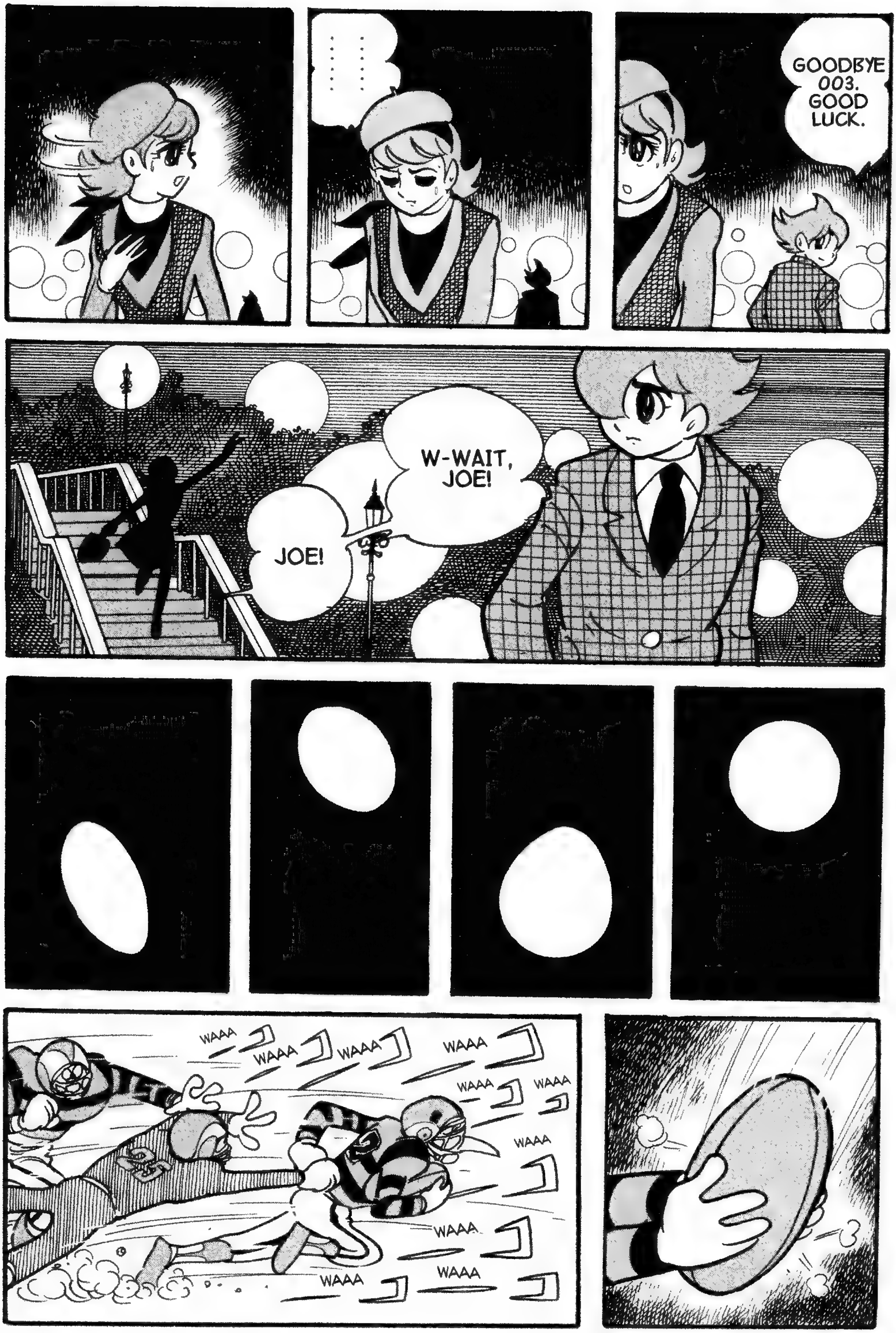

I'M LEAVING THE PLACE TO YOU.
WHAT?
REALLY?!
B-BUT, BOSS! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
YEAH! WHAT ABOUT US?
DON'T WORRY, FELLAS.
SO SAD...ALL THE HARD WORK...ALL THE GREASE, SWEAT AND TEARS...
......
WE'LL MISS YOU BOSS, THANKS!
WE SHOULDA GOT THAT IN WRITING.
HUH?
GROWL!
GRRR.
UGHH.
UHHH.

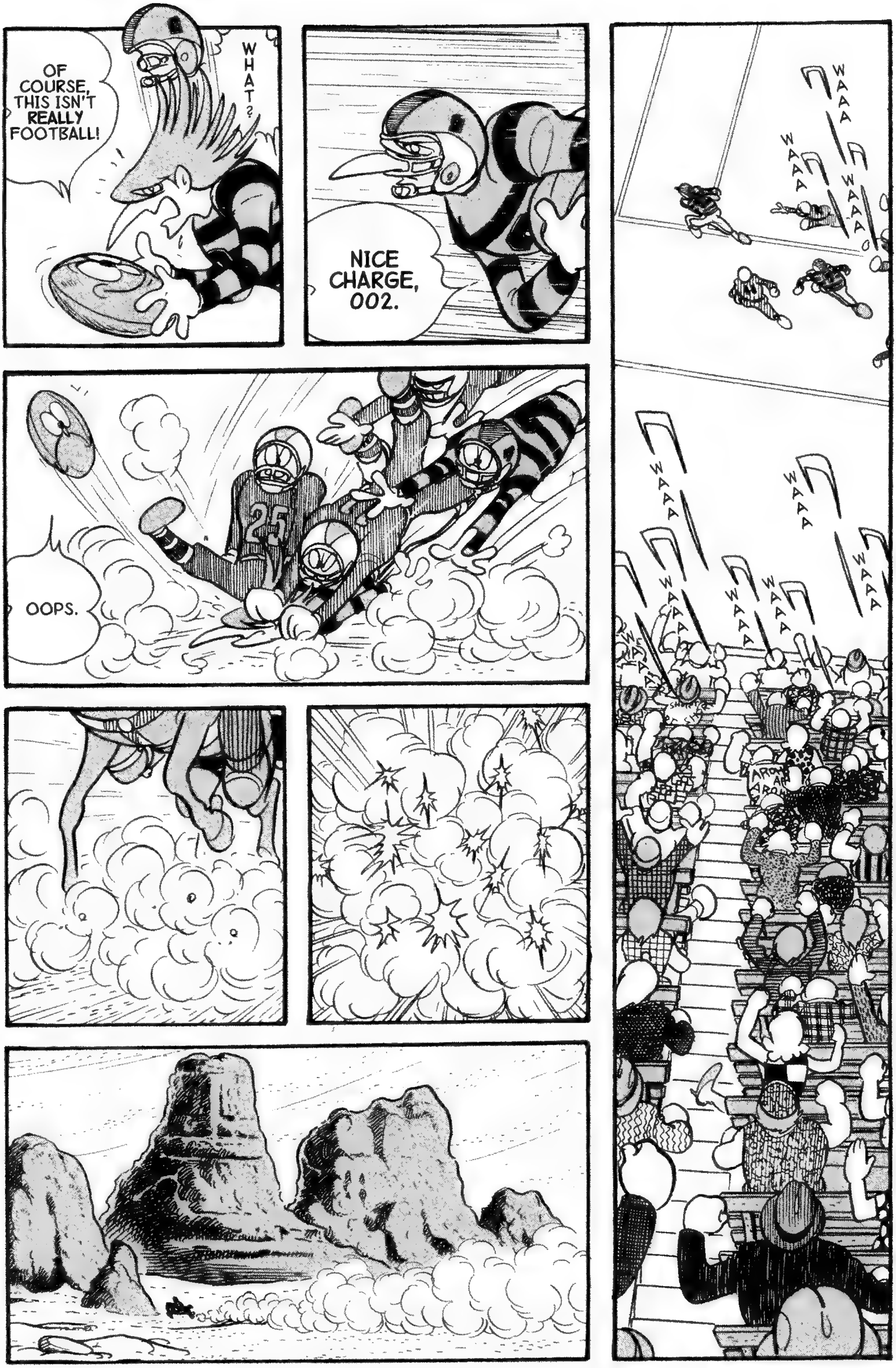

RARRRRR
AHHHH!
HUH?
MY...MY GOD!!
WHAT HAVE I DONE?!!
MORE BLOOD ON MY HANDS!
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP
WAAA WAAA
HEH HEH HEH! THANK YOU, THANK YOU.
THAT SEEMED VERY WELL RECEIVED.
WELL, IT ISN'T ALBERT HALL...
...BUT THE AUDIENCES ARE MORE APPRECIATIVE.
FOOP

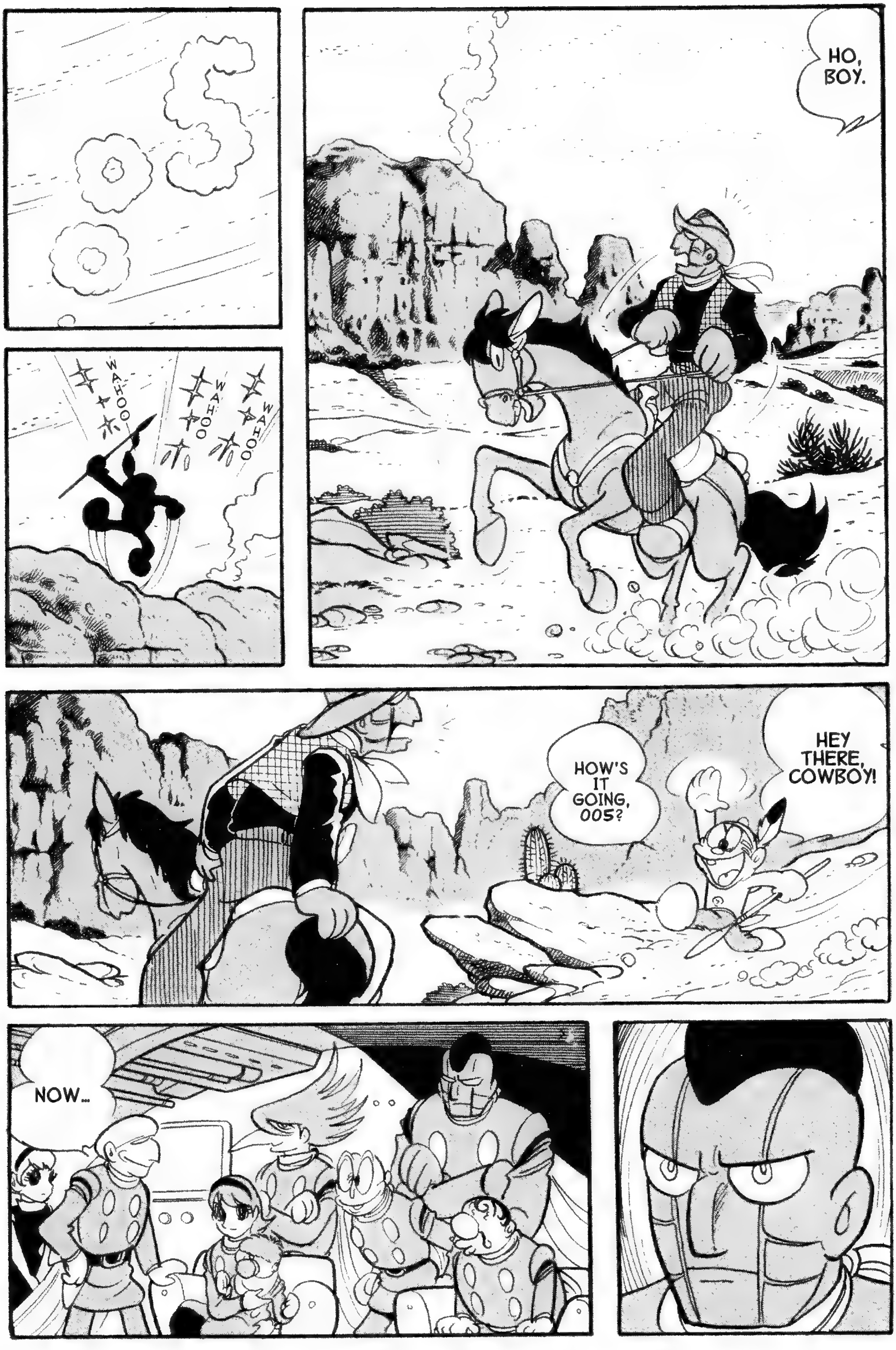

SO THIS IS ALL...
...A DREAM COME TRUE FOR YOU.
WHY, OF COURSE, YOU SEXY MINX.
PLEASE TAKE THESE FLOWERS.
CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH?
MR. GREAT BRITAIN! IT'S YOU!
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, THE SPECIAL EFFECTS WOULD MAKE RAY HARRYHAUSEN BLUSH.
DON'T YOU KNOW, LAD? AGE BRINGS EXPERIENCE...
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? IS THAT A CRACK AT MY AGE?!
WHA...?!
SO WHEN DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BURN OUT?
YEP, YOU COULD SAY THAT. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, "THE STAR THAT BURNS BRIGHTEST..."
PAT
PAT
NOW THAT I HAVE YOU, I'M HEADED OFF TO FRANCE AND THEN THE UNITED STATES.
004 WENT TO CHINA TO FIND 006.
AND EXPERIENCE BRINGS SKILL! AWW, DAMMIT! ALL RIGHT, I'LL GO WITH YOU!
MAKES JOLLY GOOD SENSE TO ME.
BUT TO SAVE TIME, WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE U.S.?

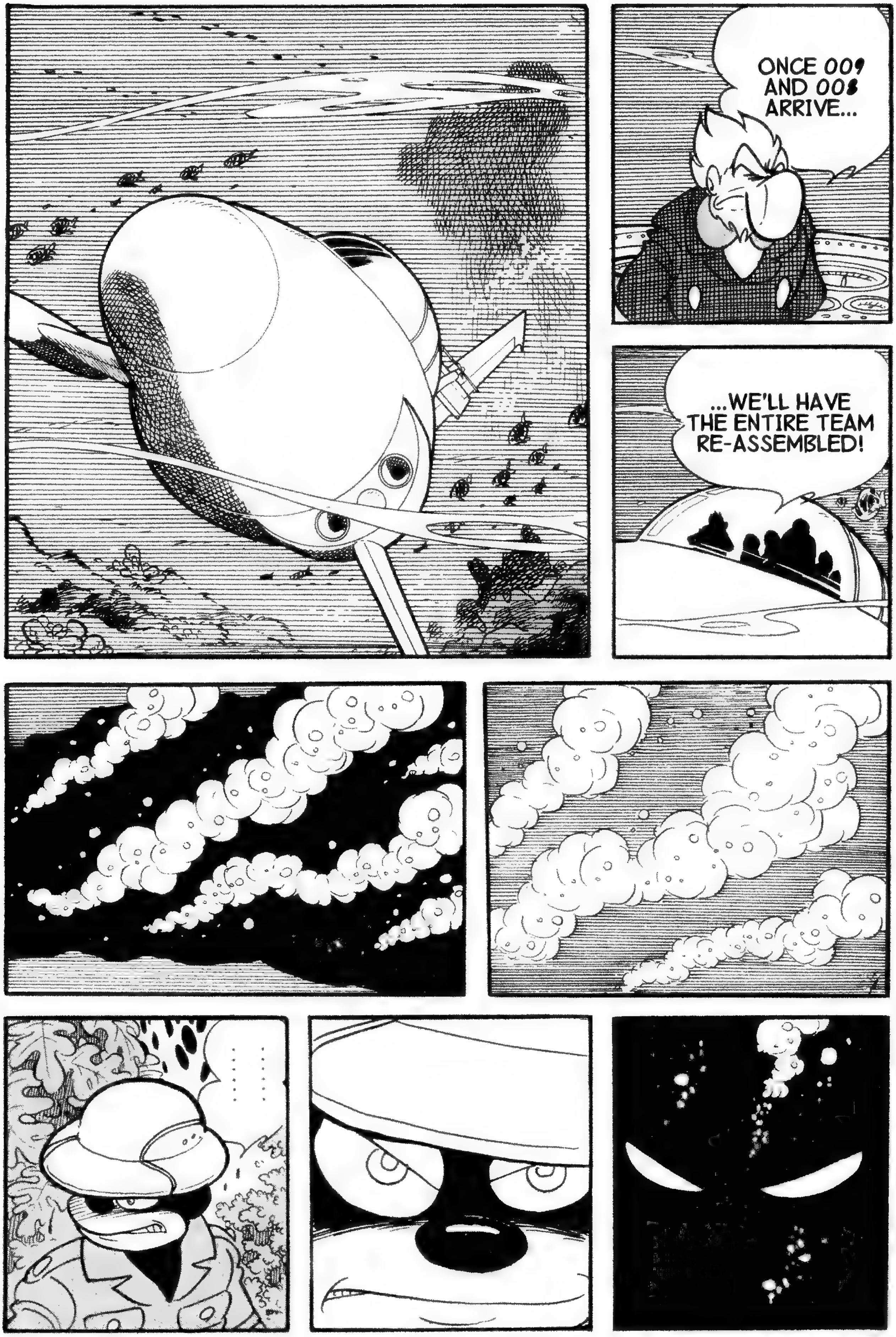



NO!
NO WAY!
I'VE LEFT THAT LIFE BEHIND ME!
I MEAN, DIDN'T YOU SEE MY PERFORMANCE?! I'VE MADE IT TO THE PARIS BALLET!
I NOW USE MY SKILLS FOR GRACE AND BEAUTY. I HAVE NO ROOM FOR VIOLENCE IN MY LIFE!
AND THAT IS WHAT I EXPECTED YOU TO SAY. BUT I ASK YOU TO HEAR ME OUT.
WHAT I'M ASKING, 003, I WOULD NEVER ASK IF I THOUGHT THAT WAS ANY OTHER WAY.
COME ON, JOE!
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S UNFAIR OF ME TO TRY TO DRAG YOU BACK IN.
YOU WERE BORN TO DANCE ON THAT STAGE.
I'LL BE BACK SOON TO SEE YOU DANCE AGAIN.


......
GOODBYE 003. GOOD LUCK.
W-WAIT, JOE!
JOE!
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA
WAAA


OF COURSE, THIS ISN'T REALLY FOOTBALL!
WHAT?
NICE CHARGE, 002.
WAAA WAAA WAAA
OOPS.
WAAA WAAA WAAA WAAA WAAA WAAA WAAA


WAHOO
WAHOO
WAHOO
HO, BOY.
HOW'S IT GOING, 005?
HEY THERE, COWBOY!
NOW...


ONCE 009 AND 008 ARRIVE...
...WE'LL HAVE THE ENTIRE TEAM RE-ASSEMBLED!
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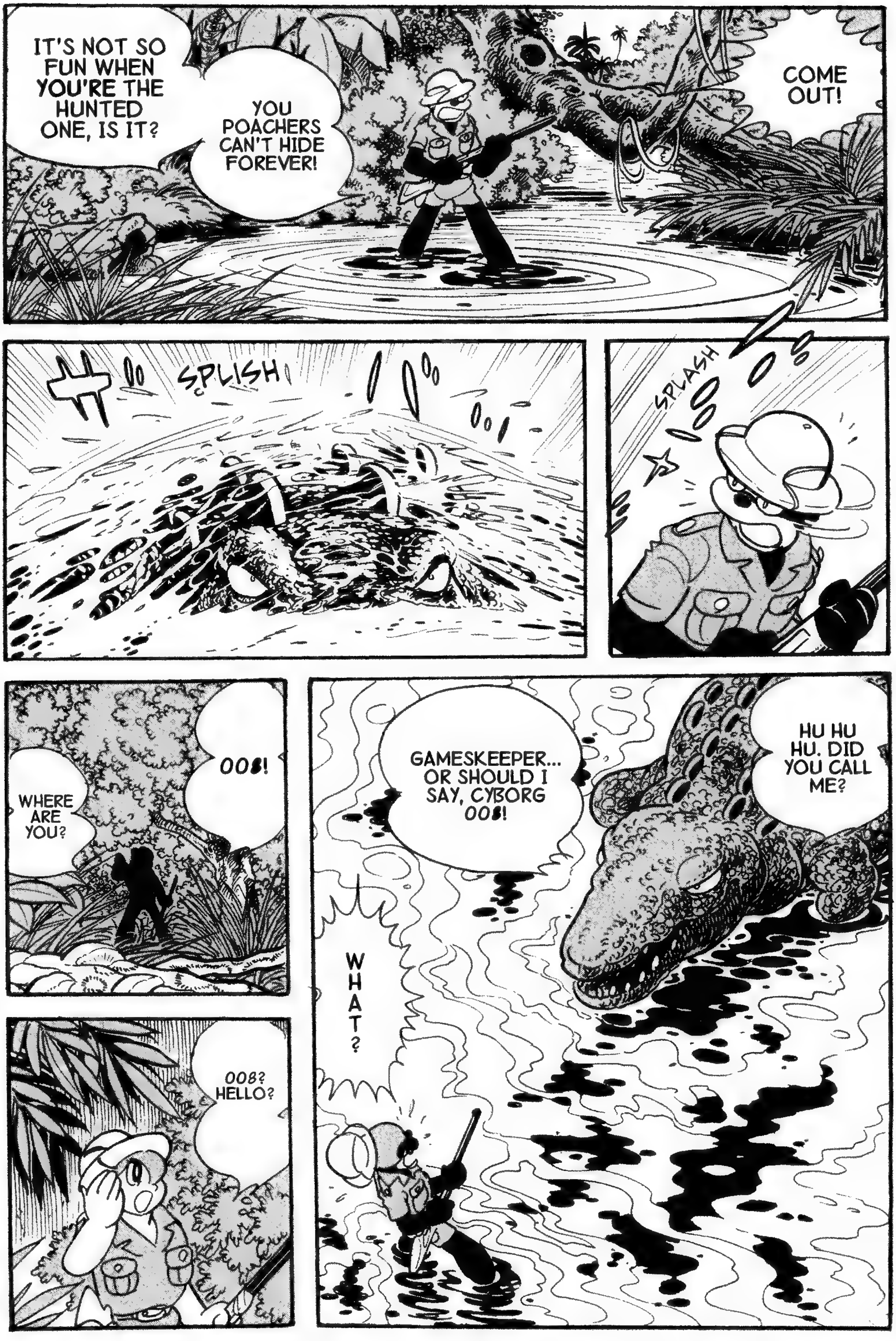
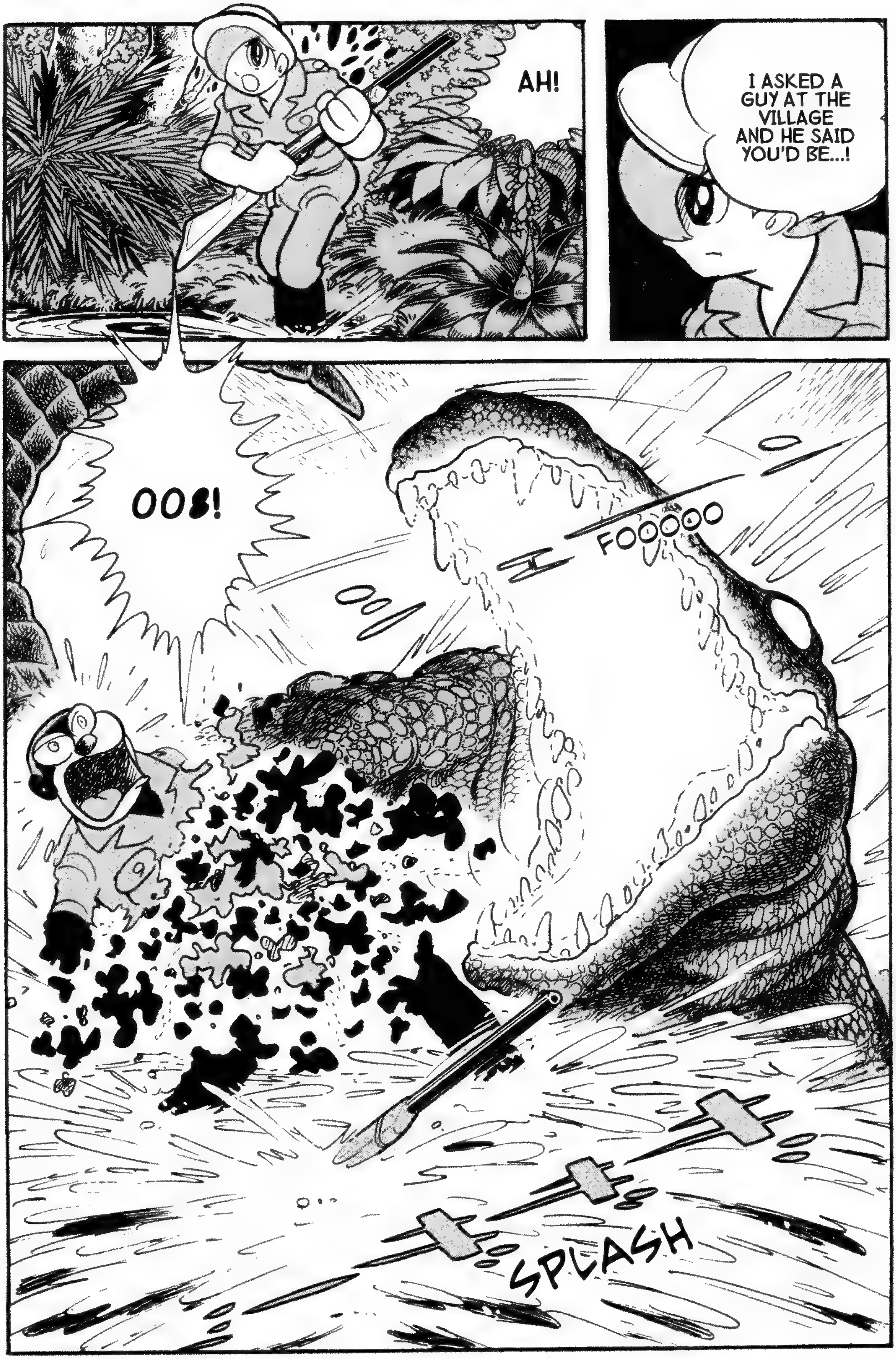
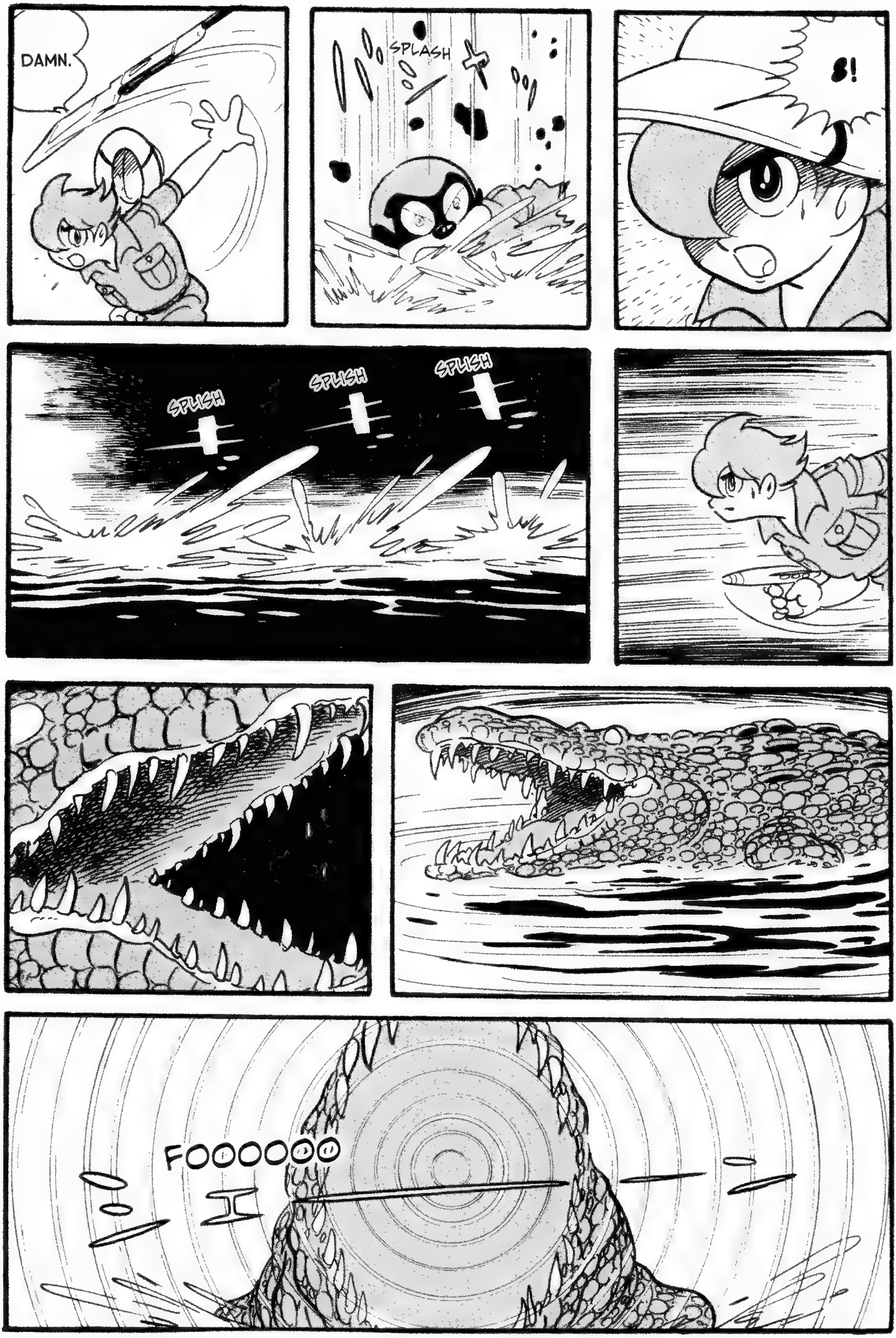

IT'S NOT SO FUN WHEN YOU'RE THE HUNTED ONE, IS IT?
YOU POACHERS CAN'T HIDE FOREVER!
COME OUT!
SPLISH
SPLASH
WHERE ARE YOU?
008!
008? HELLO?
HU HU HU. DID YOU CALL ME?
WHAT?
GAMESKEEPER... OR SHOULD I SAY, CYBORG 008!


AH!
I ASKED A GUY AT THE VILLAGE AND HE SAID YOU'D BE...!
OO8!
H FOOOOO
SPLASH


DAMN.
SPLASH
8!
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
FOOOOOO
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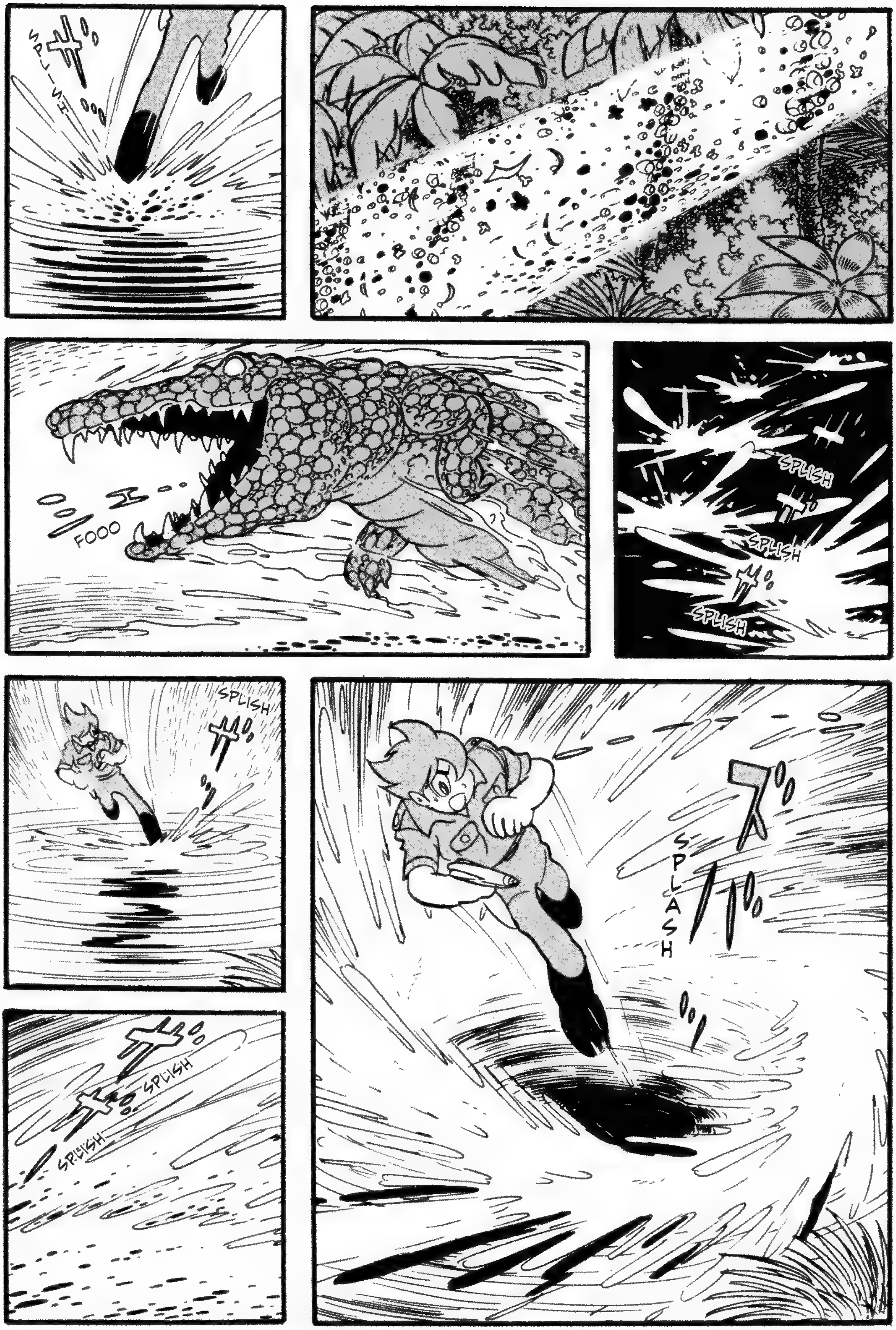
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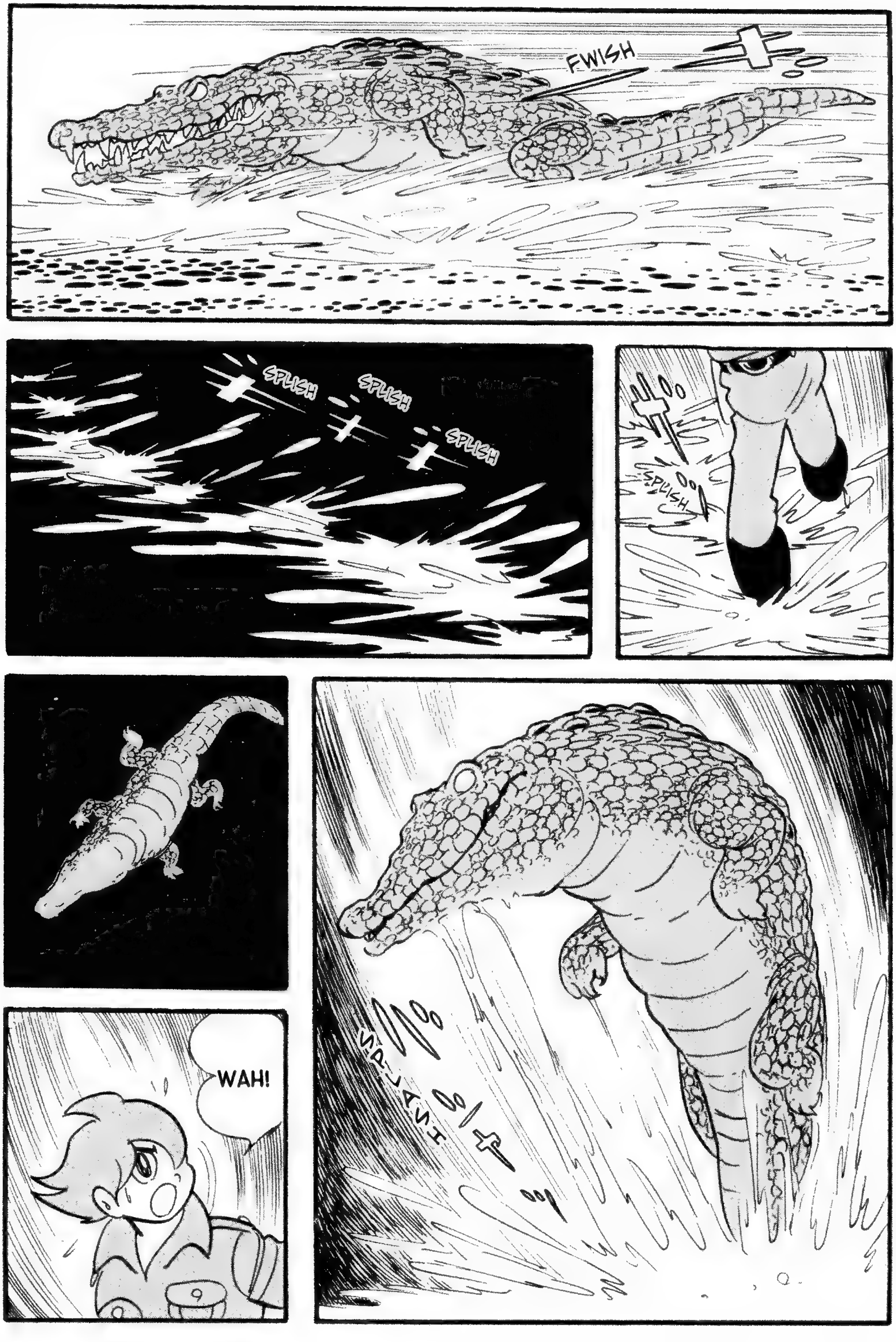
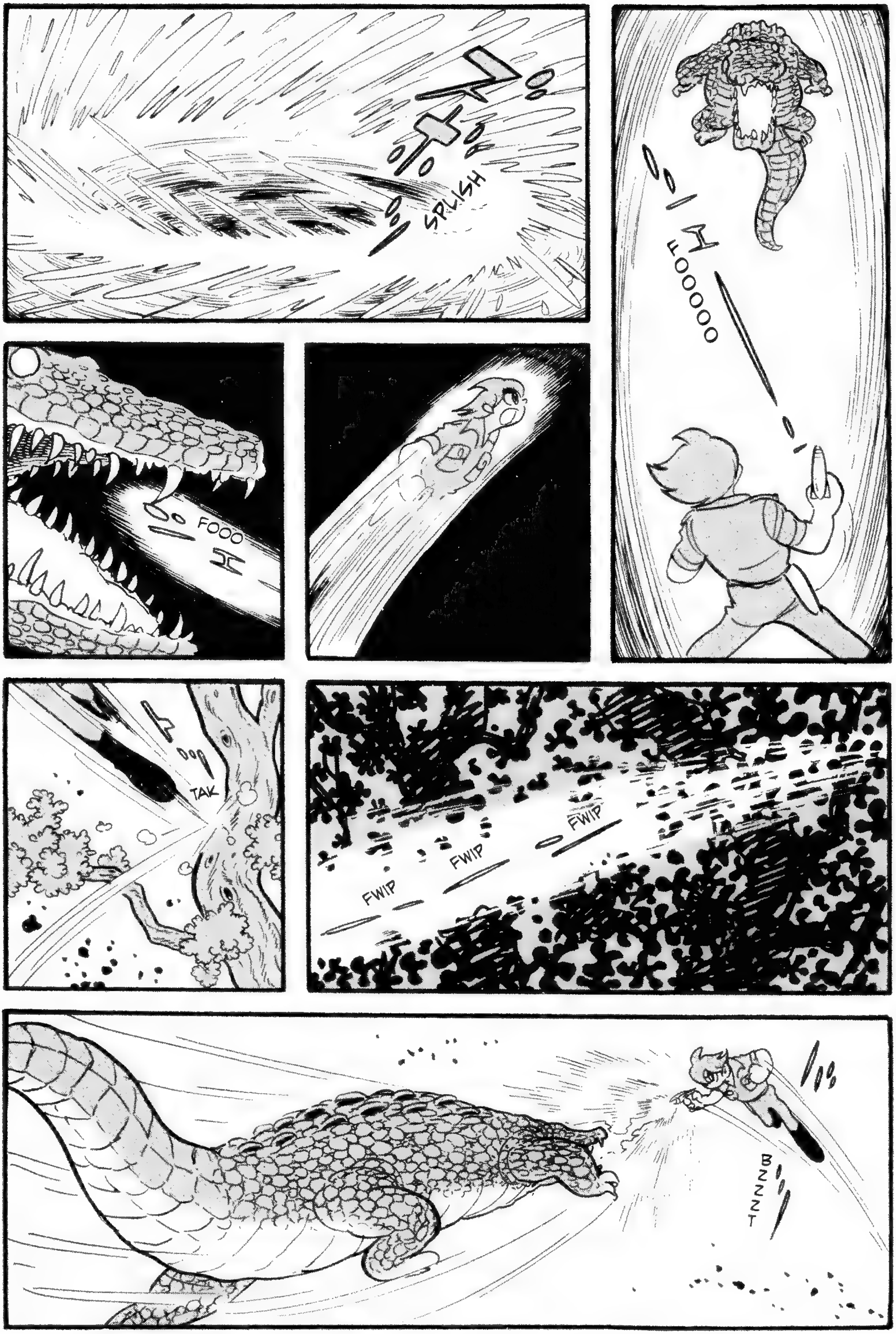
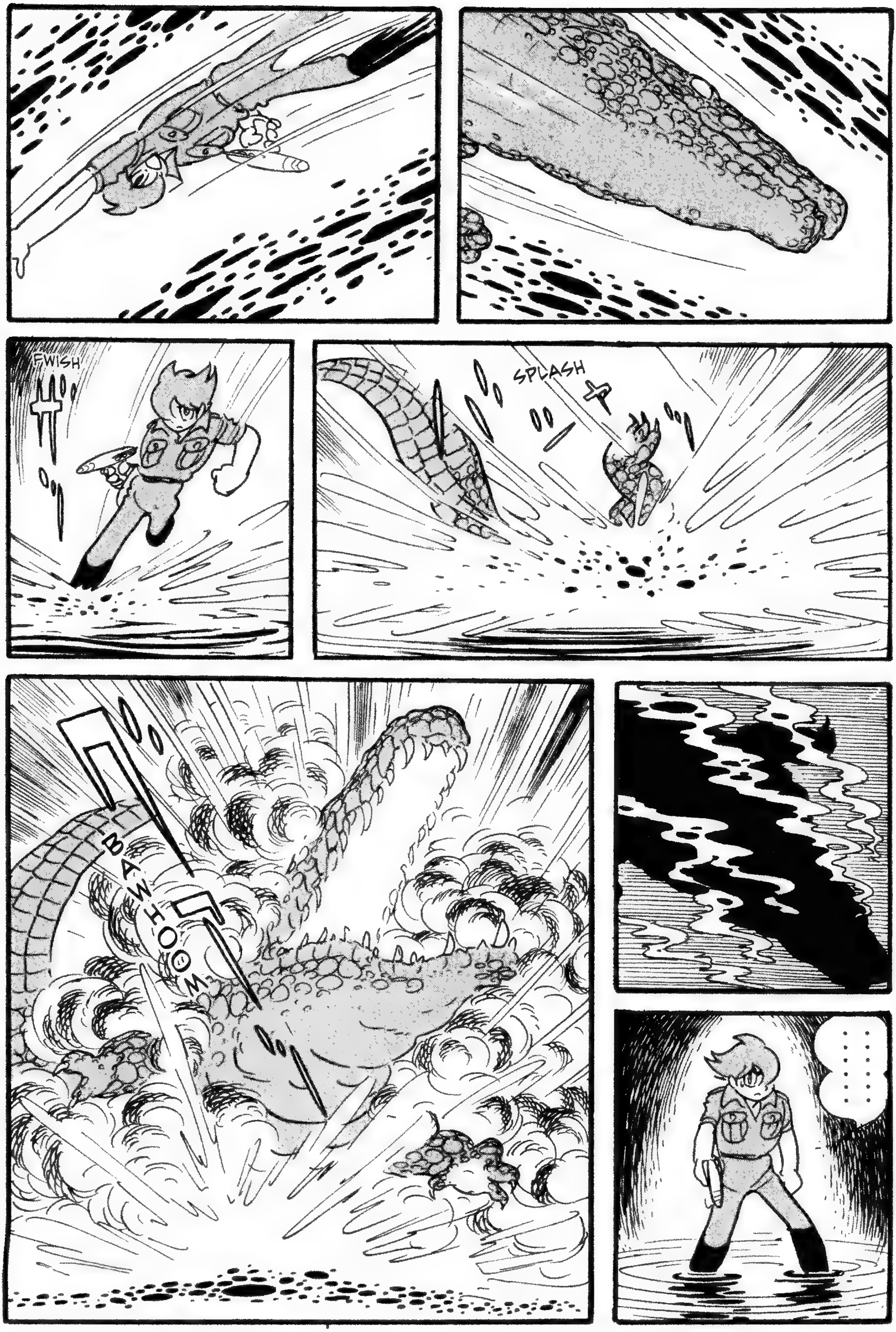

FWISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
WAH!


SPLISH
FOOOOOH
FOOOH
TAK
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
BZZZT


FWISH
SPLASH
BAWHOOOM
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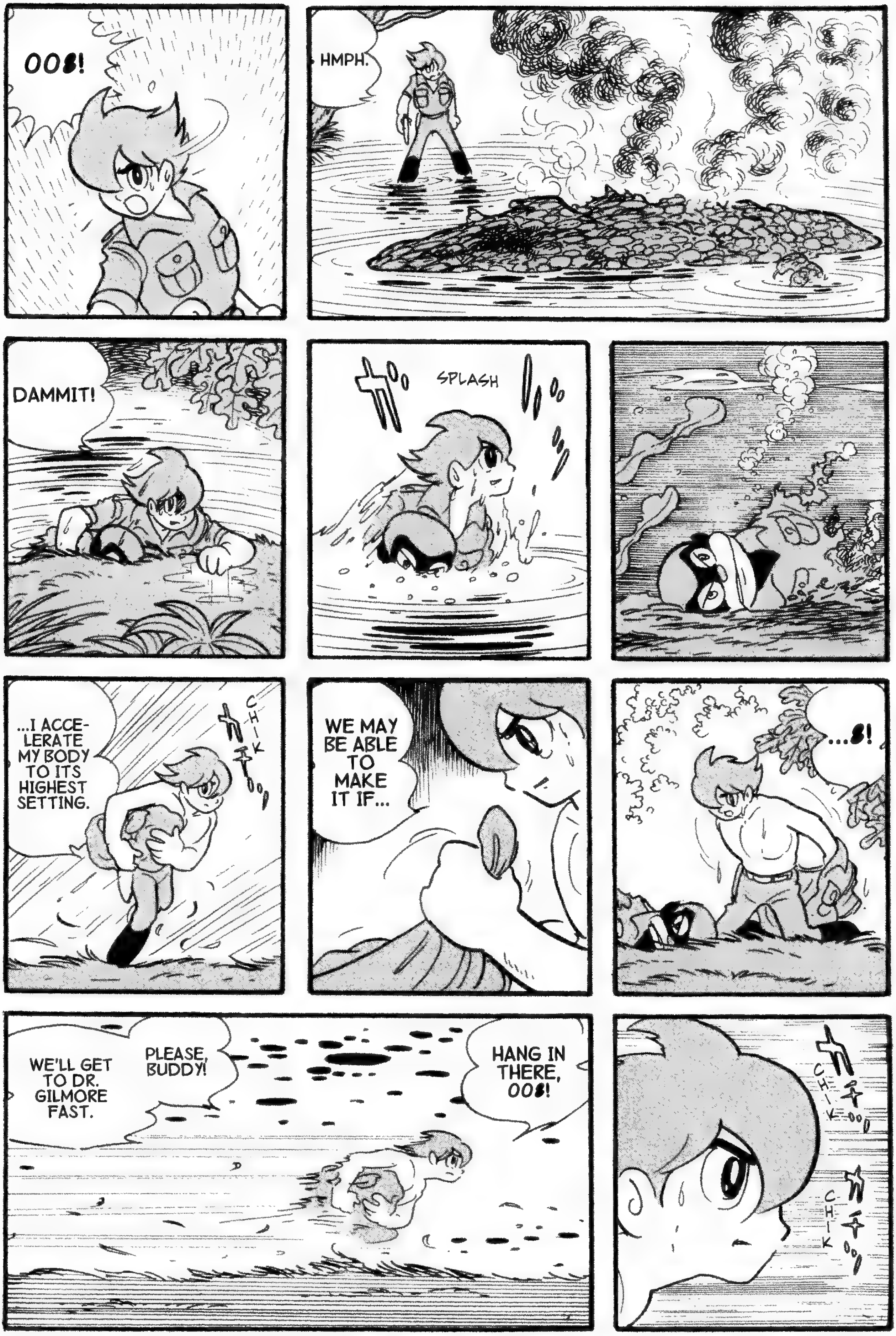
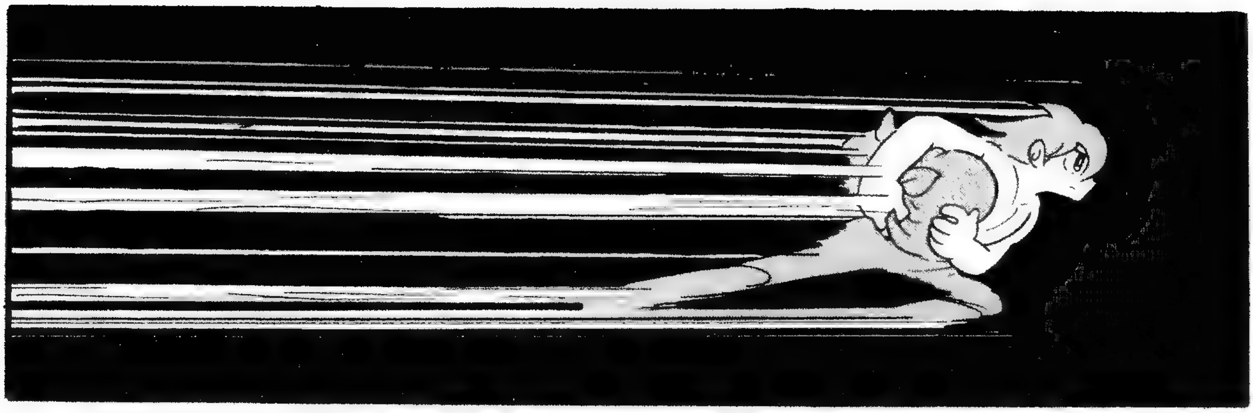
HMPH.
008!
SPLASH
DAMMIT!
...8!
WE MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE IT IF...
...I ACCELERATE MY BODY TO ITS HIGHEST SETTING.
CHIK
CHIK
CHIK
HANG IN THERE, 008!
PLEASE, BUDDY!
WE'LL GET TO DR. GILMORE FAST.



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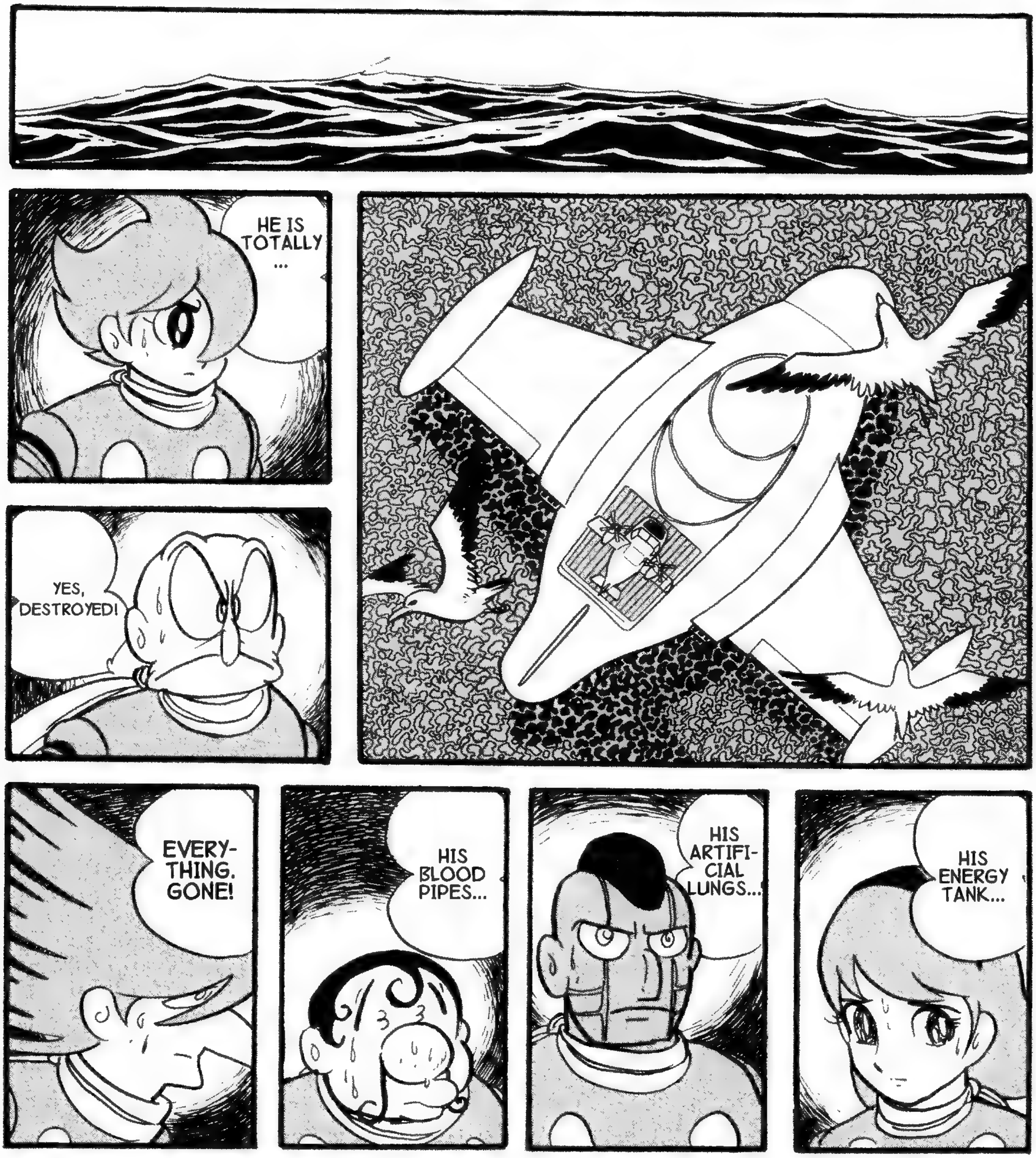
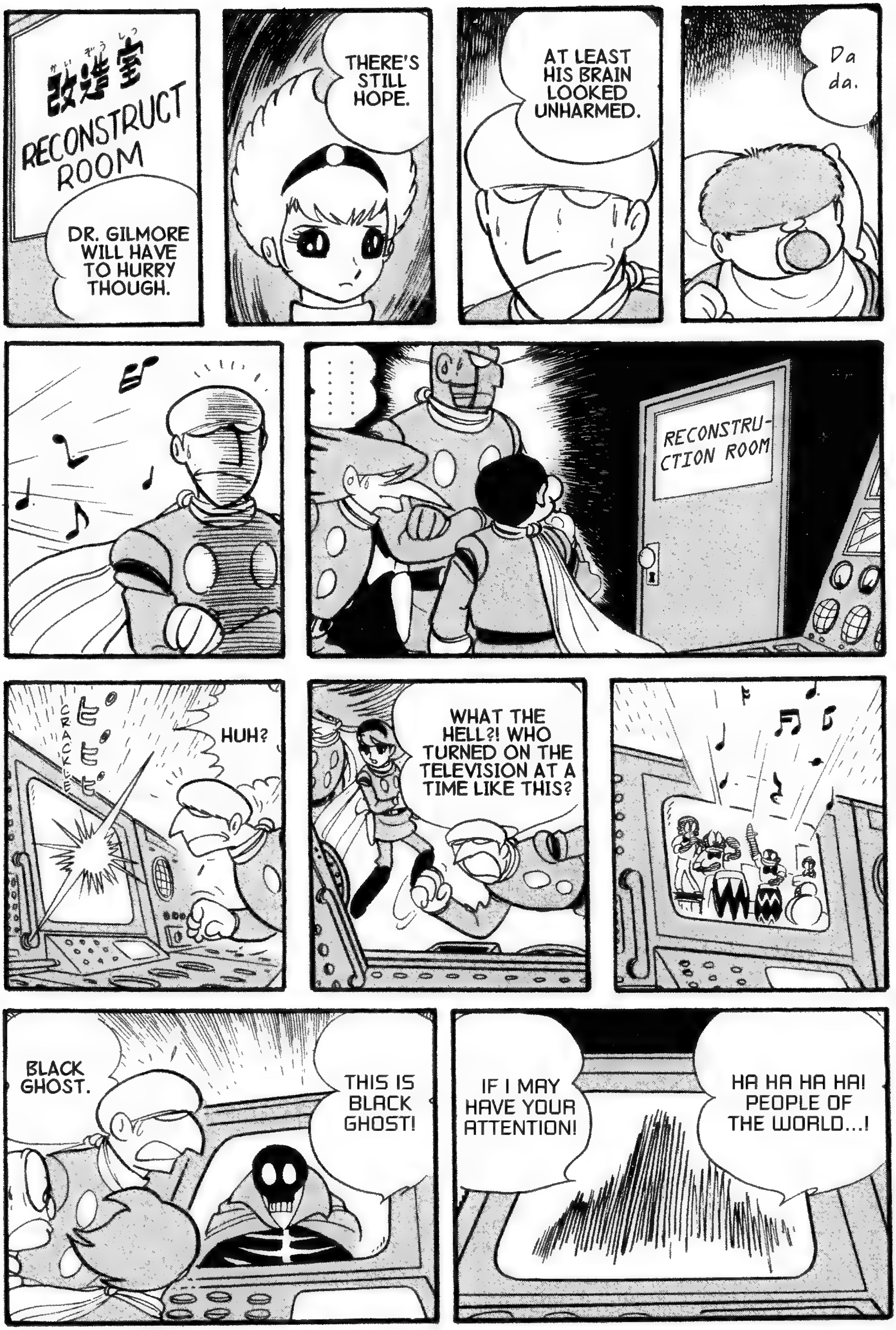
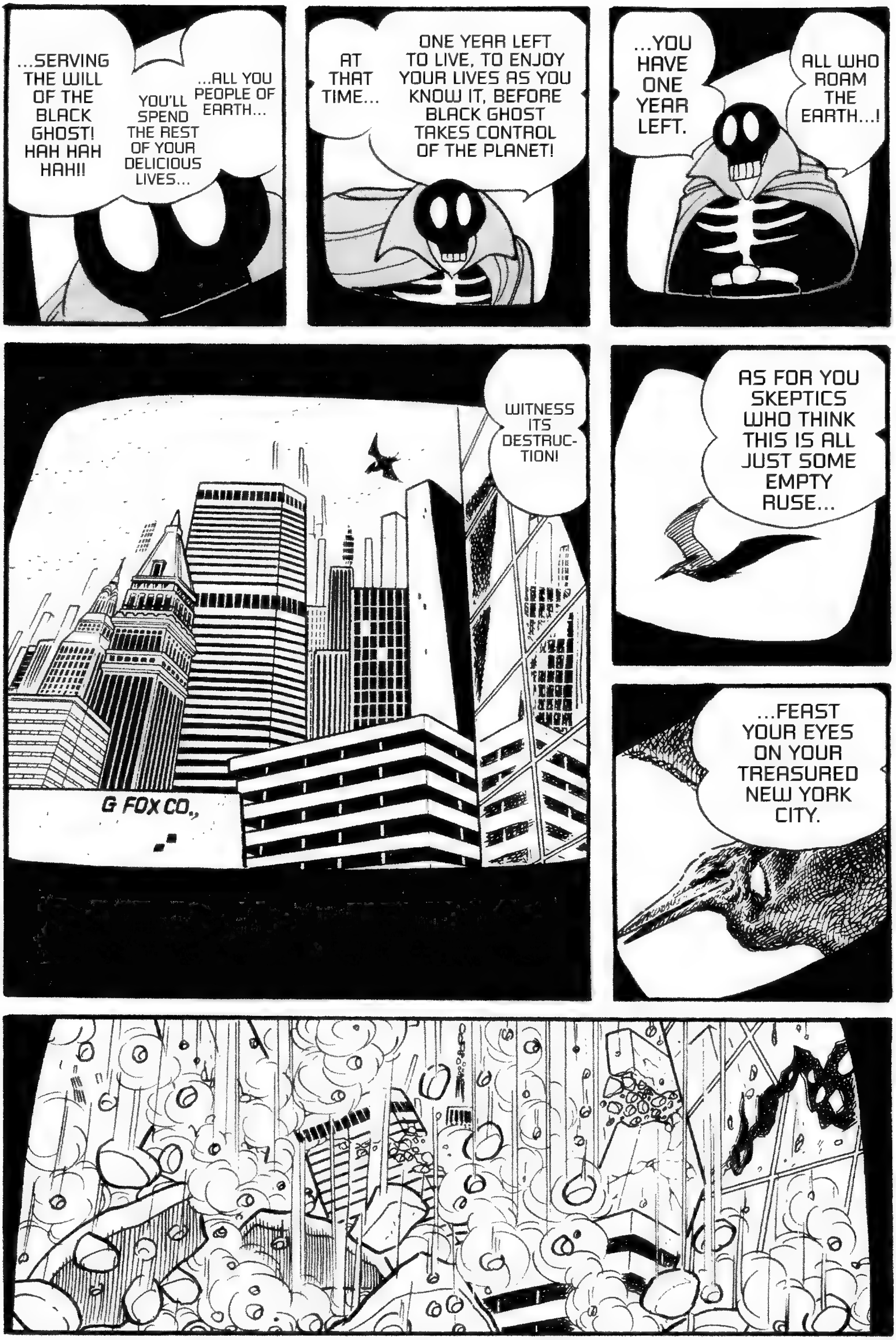
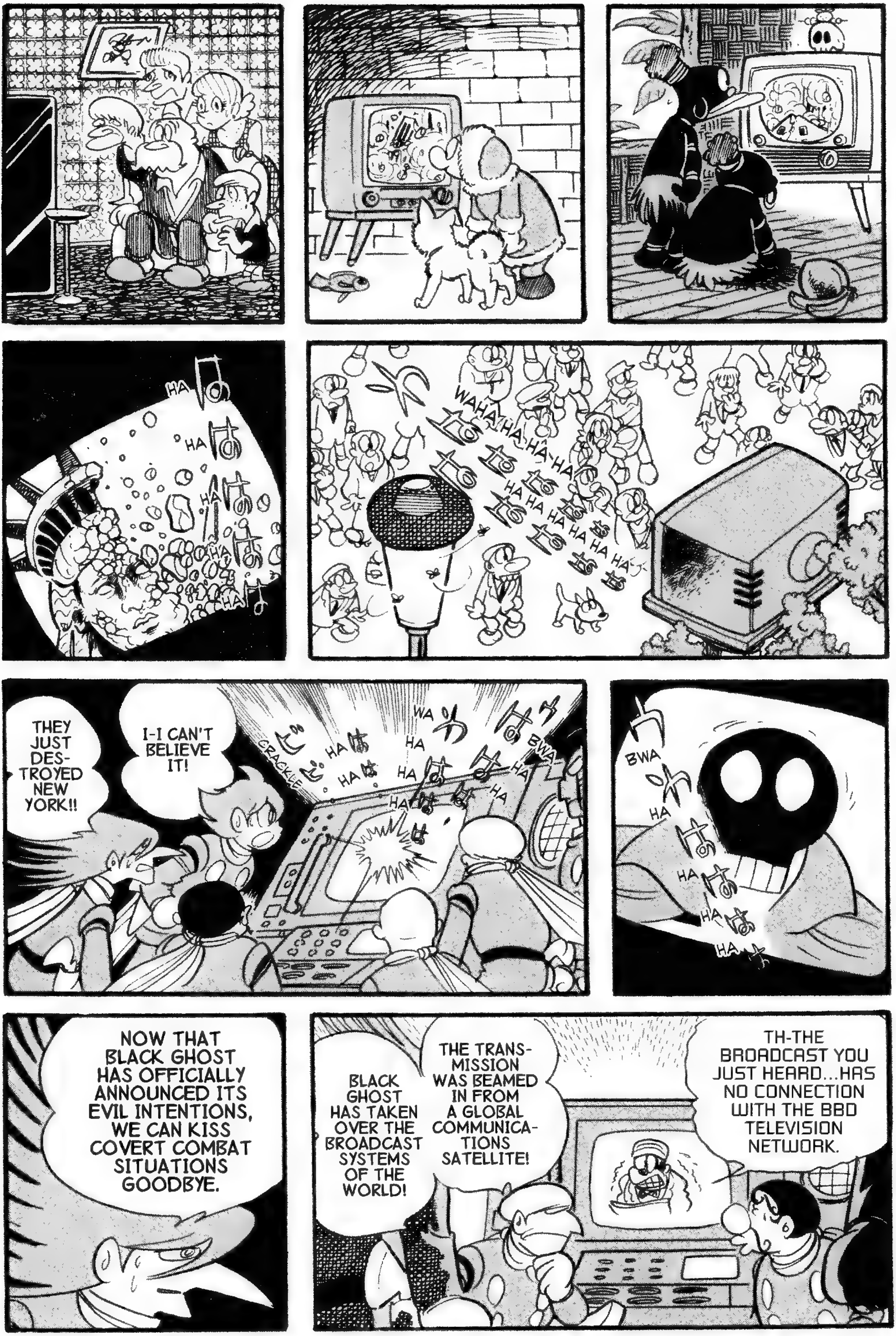
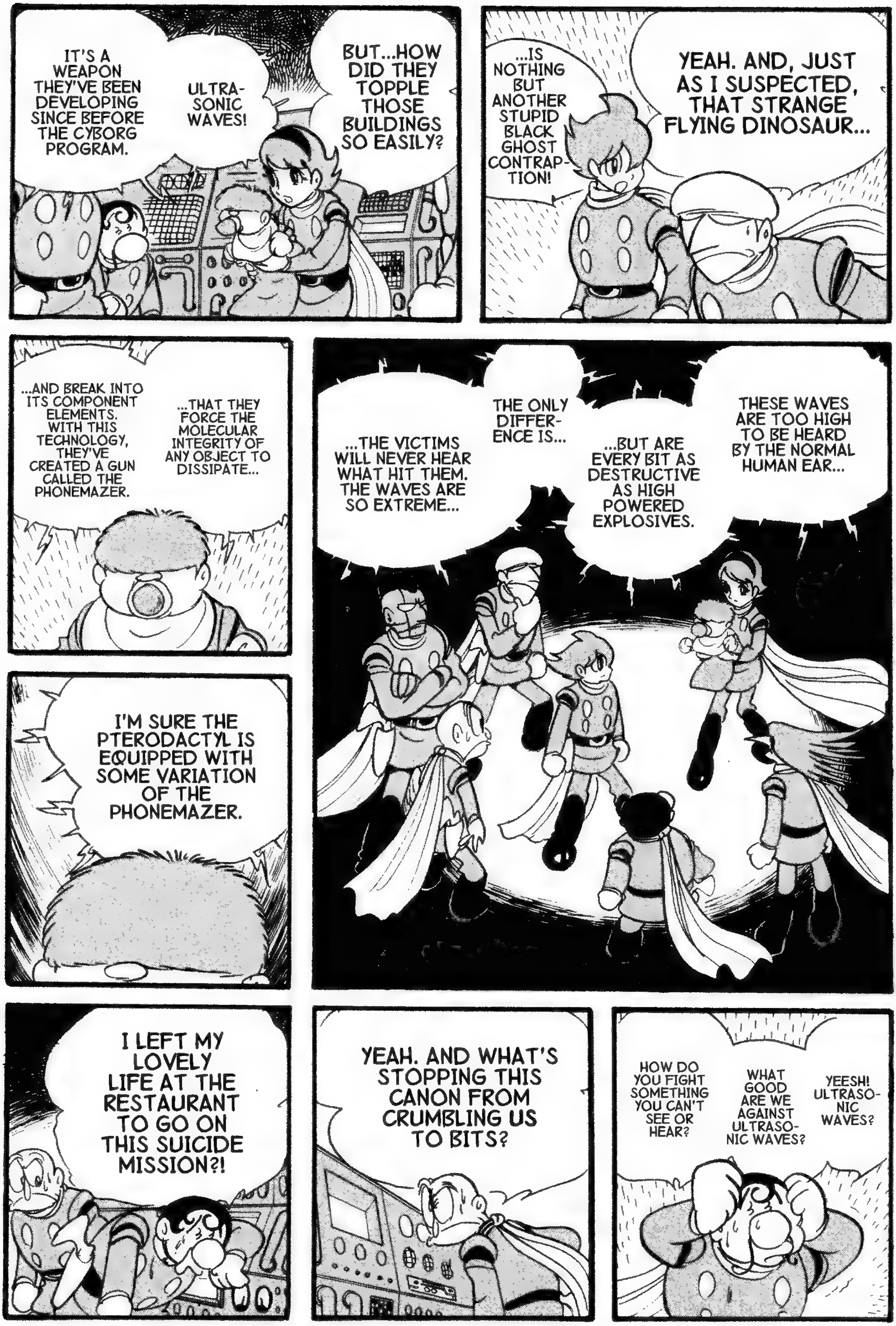
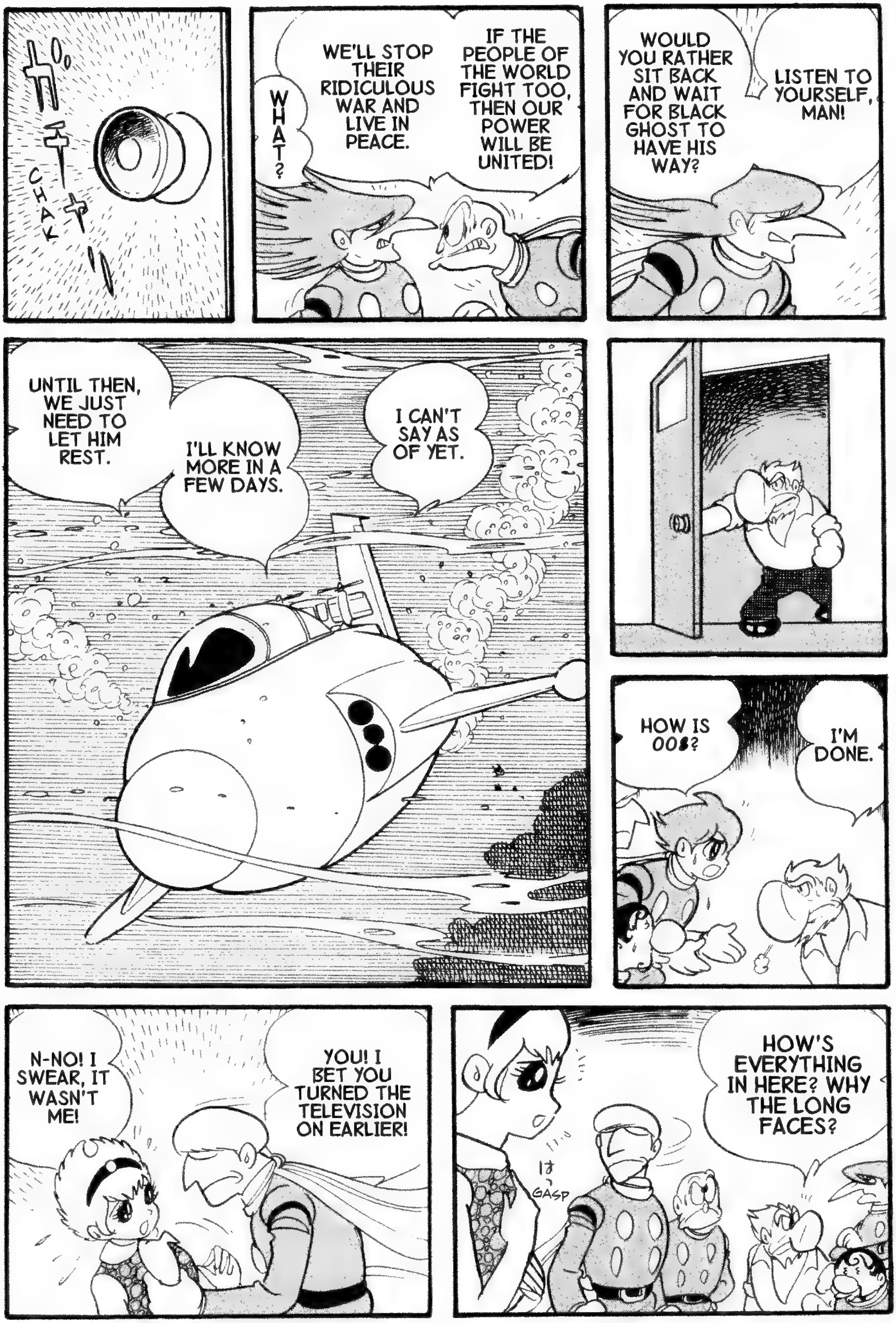

HE IS TOTALLY ...
YES, DESTROYED!
EVERYTHING. GONE!
HIS BLOOD PIPES...
HIS ARTIFICIAL LUNGS...
HIS ENERGY TANK...

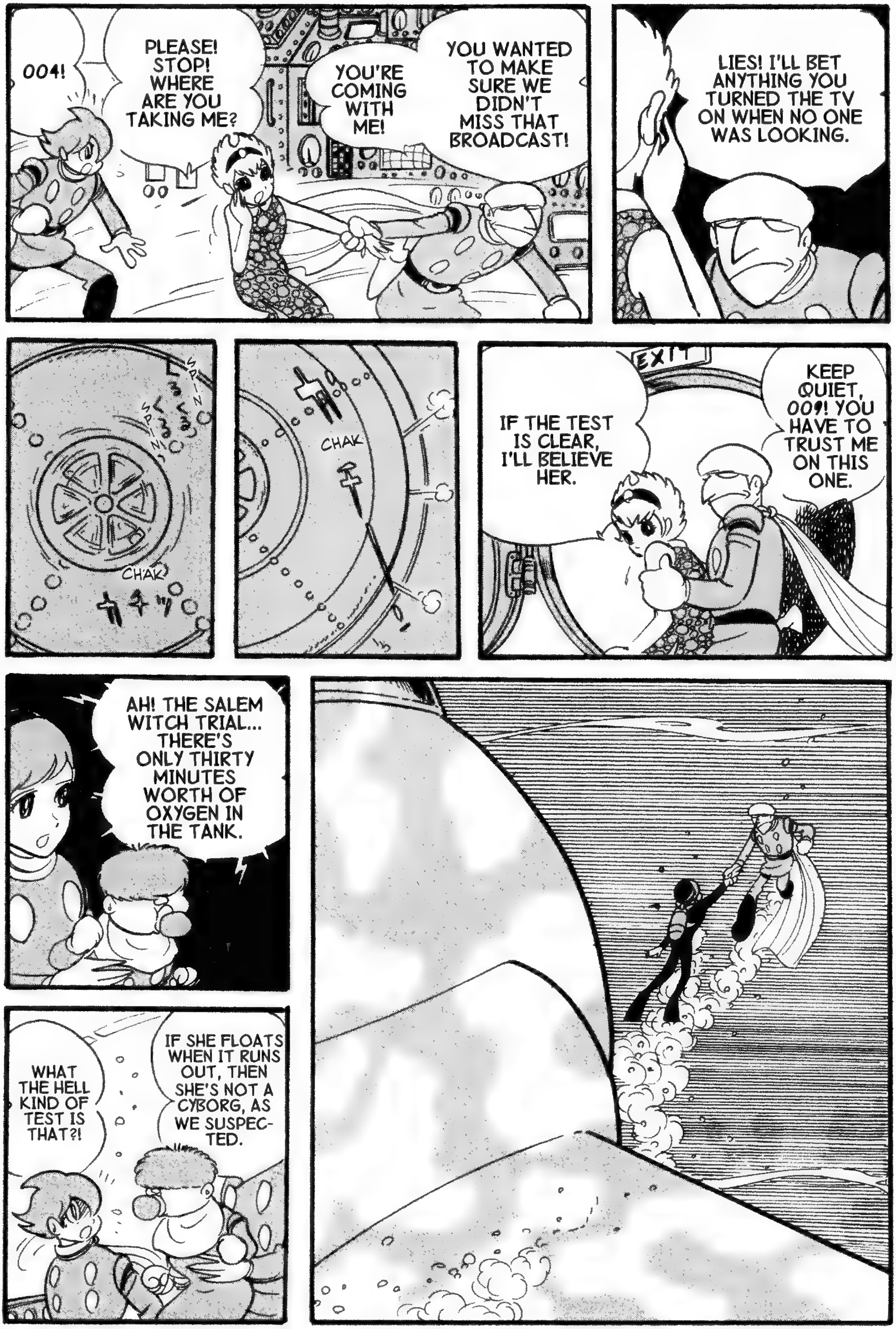

Da da.
AT LEAST HIS BRAIN LOOKED UNHARMED.
THERE'S STILL HOPE.
改造室
RECONSTRUCT ROOM
DR. GILMORE WILL HAVE TO HURRY THOUGH.
RECONSTRUCTION ROOM
......
WHAT THE HELL?! WHO TURNED ON THE TELEVISION AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
HUH?
ビビビ
CRACKLE
HA HA HA HA! PEOPLE OF THE WORLD...!
IF I MAY HAVE YOUR ATTENTION!
THIS IS BLACK GHOST!
BLACK GHOST.

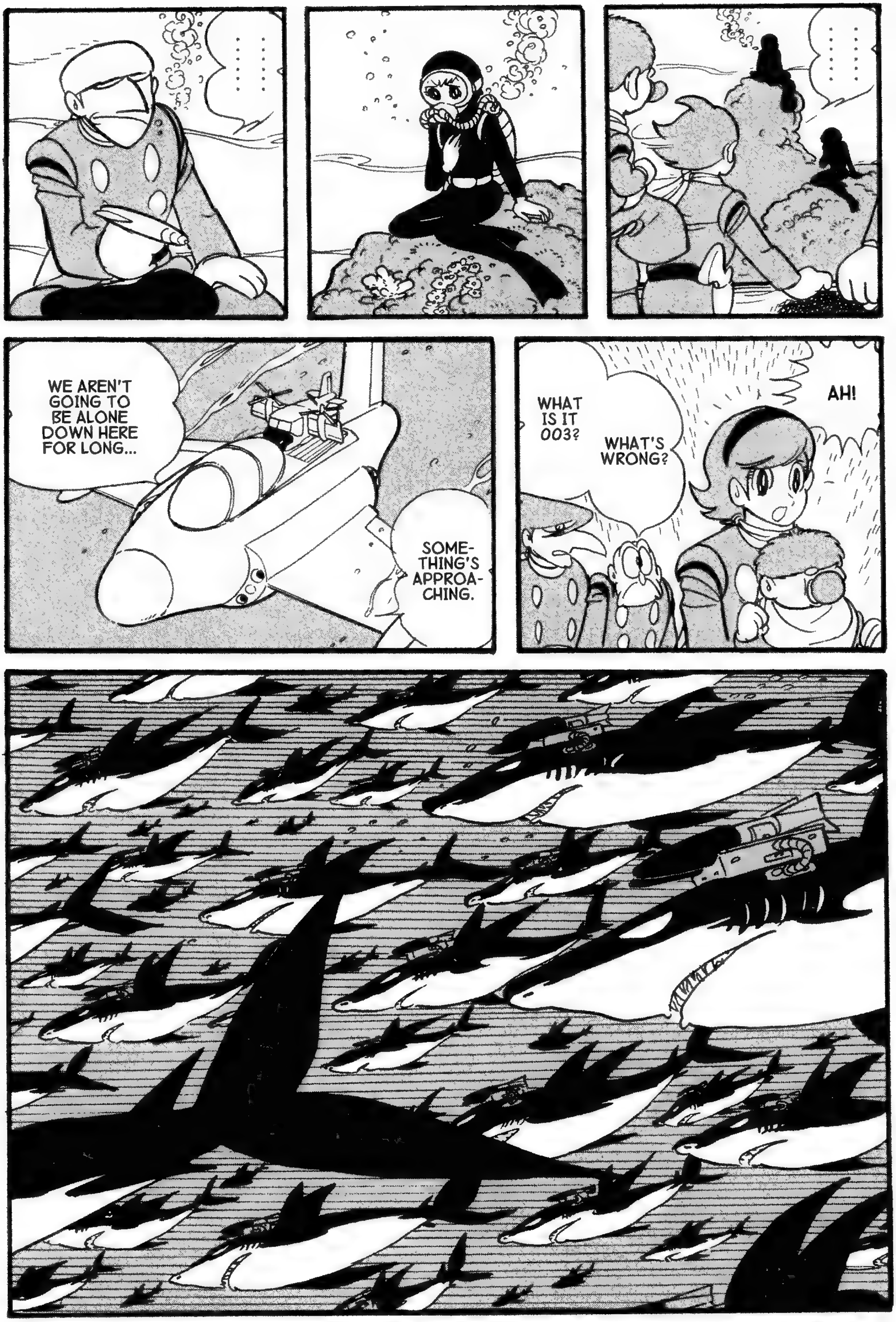

ALL WHO ROAM THE EARTH...!
...YOU HAVE ONE YEAR LEFT.
ONE YEAR LEFT TO LIVE, TO ENJOY YOUR LIVES AS YOU KNOW IT, BEFORE BLACK GHOST TAKES CONTROL OF THE PLANET!
AT THAT TIME...
...ALL YOU PEOPLE OF EARTH...
YOU'LL SPEND THE REST OF YOUR DELICIOUS LIVES...
...SERVING THE WILL OF THE BLACK GHOST! HAH HAH HAH!!
AS FOR YOU SKEPTICS WHO THINK THIS IS ALL JUST SOME EMPTY RUSE...
...FEAST YOUR EYES ON YOUR TREASURED NEW YORK CITY.
WITNESS ITS DESTRUCTION!
G FOX CO.,


HA HA HA HA HA HA
WAHAHA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
BWA HA HA HA HA HA
WA HA HA BWA HA HA
HA HA HA HA
CRACKLE
I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THEY JUST DESTROYED NEW YORK!!
TH-THE BROADCAST YOU JUST HEARD...HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THE BBD TELEVISION NETWORK.
THE TRANSMISSION WAS BEAMED IN FROM A GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE!
BLACK GHOST HAS TAKEN OVER THE BROADCAST SYSTEMS OF THE WORLD!
NOW THAT BLACK GHOST HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED ITS EVIL INTENTIONS, WE CAN KISS COVERT COMBAT SITUATIONS GOODBYE.


YEAH. AND, JUST AS I SUSPECTED, THAT STRANGE FLYING DINOSAUR...
...IS NOTHING BUT ANOTHER STUPID BLACK GHOST CONTRAPTION!
BUT...HOW DID THEY TOPPLE THOSE BUILDINGS SO EASILY?
ULTRASONIC WAVES!
IT'S A WEAPON THEY'VE BEEN DEVELOPING SINCE BEFORE THE CYBORG PROGRAM.
THESE WAVES ARE TOO HIGH TO BE HEARD BY THE NORMAL HUMAN EAR...
...BUT ARE EVERY BIT AS DESTRUCTIVE AS HIGH POWERED EXPLOSIVES.
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS...
...THE VICTIMS WILL NEVER HEAR WHAT HIT THEM. THE WAVES ARE SO EXTREME...
...THAT THEY FORCE THE MOLECULAR INTEGRITY OF ANY OBJECT TO DISSIPATE...
...AND BREAK INTO ITS COMPONENT ELEMENTS. WITH THIS TECHNOLOGY, THEY'VE CREATED A GUN CALLED THE PHONEMAZER.
I'M SURE THE PTERODACTYL IS EQUIPPED WITH SOME VARIATION OF THE PHONEMAZER.
YEESH! ULTRASONIC WAVES?
WHAT GOOD ARE WE AGAINST ULTRASONIC WAVES?
HOW DO YOU FIGHT SOMETHING YOU CAN'T SEE OR HEAR?
YEAH. AND WHAT'S STOPPING THIS CANON FROM CRUMBLING US TO BITS?
I LEFT MY LOVELY LIFE AT THE RESTAURANT TO GO ON THIS SUICIDE MISSION?!


LISTEN TO YOURSELF, MAN!
WOULD YOU RATHER SIT BACK AND WAIT FOR BLACK GHOST TO HAVE HIS WAY?
IF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD FIGHT TOO, THEN OUR POWER WILL BE UNITED!
WE'LL STOP THEIR RIDICULOUS WAR AND LIVE IN PEACE.
WHAT?
CHAK
I'M DONE.
HOW IS 008?
I CAN'T SAY AS OF YET.
I'LL KNOW MORE IN A FEW DAYS.
UNTIL THEN, WE JUST NEED TO LET HIM REST.
HOW'S EVERYTHING IN HERE? WHY THE LONG FACES?
はっ GASP
YOU! I BET YOU TURNED THE TELEVISION ON EARLIER!
N-NO! I SWEAR, IT WASN'T ME!


004!
PLEASE! STOP! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
YOU'RE COMING WITH ME!
YOU WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE DIDN'T MISS THAT BROADCAST!
LIES! I'LL BET ANYTHING YOU TURNED THE TV ON WHEN NO ONE WAS LOOKING.
SPIN
SPIN
CHAK
カチッ
CHAK
EXIT
IF THE TEST IS CLEAR, I'LL BELIEVE HER.
KEEP QUIET, 009! YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME ON THIS ONE.
AH! THE SALEM WITCH TRIAL... THERE'S ONLY THIRTY MINUTES WORTH OF OXYGEN IN THE TANK.
WHAT THE HELL KIND OF TEST IS THAT?!
IF SHE FLOATS WHEN IT RUNS OUT, THEN SHE'S NOT A CYBORG, AS WE SUSPECTED.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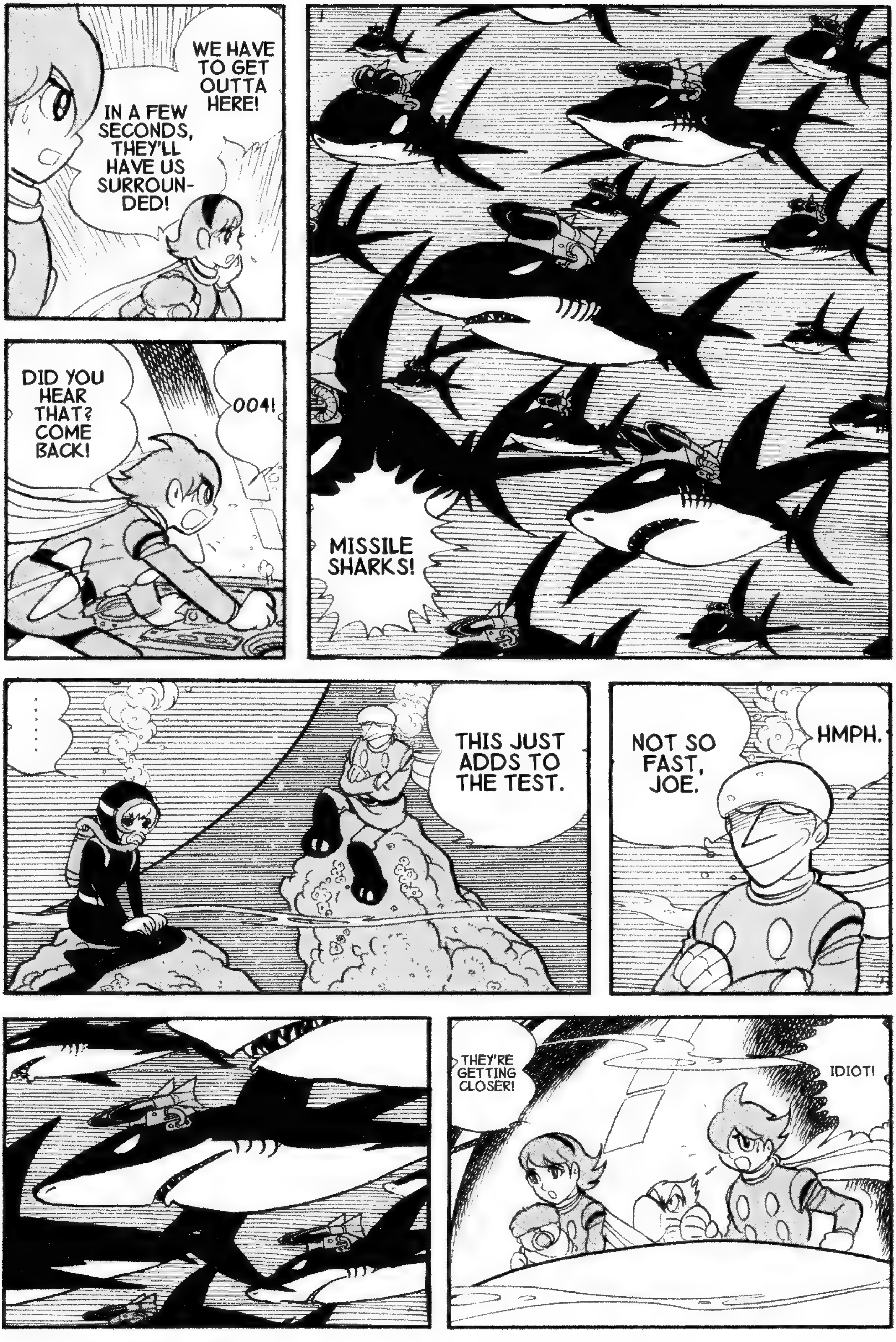
WE AREN'T GOING TO BE ALONE DOWN HERE FOR LONG...
SOME-THING'S APPROA-CHING.
AH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT IS IT 003?


WE HAVE TO GET OUTTA HERE!
IN A FEW SECONDS, THEY'LL HAVE US SURROUNDED!
DID YOU HEAR THAT? COME BACK!
004!
MISSILE SHARKS!
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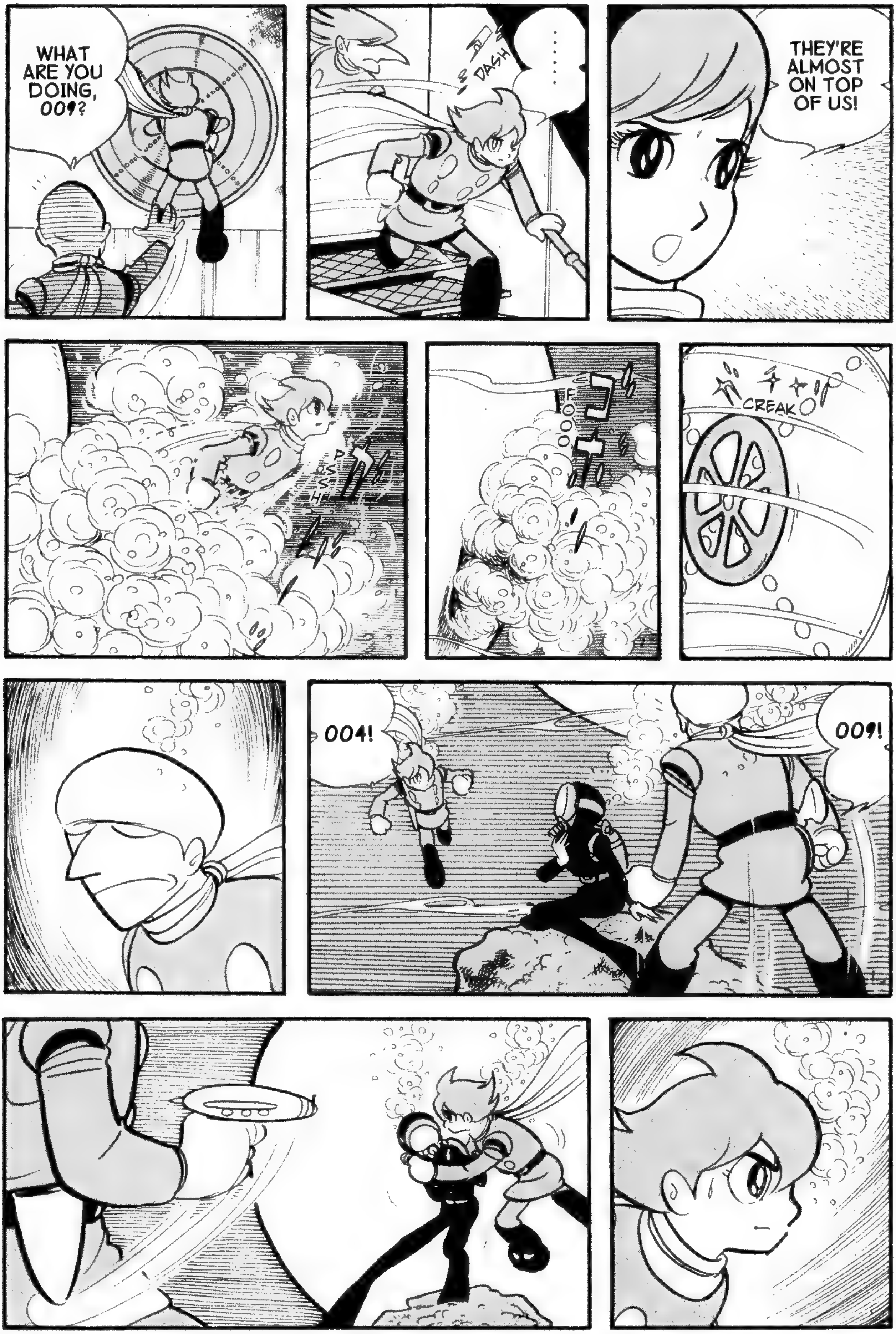
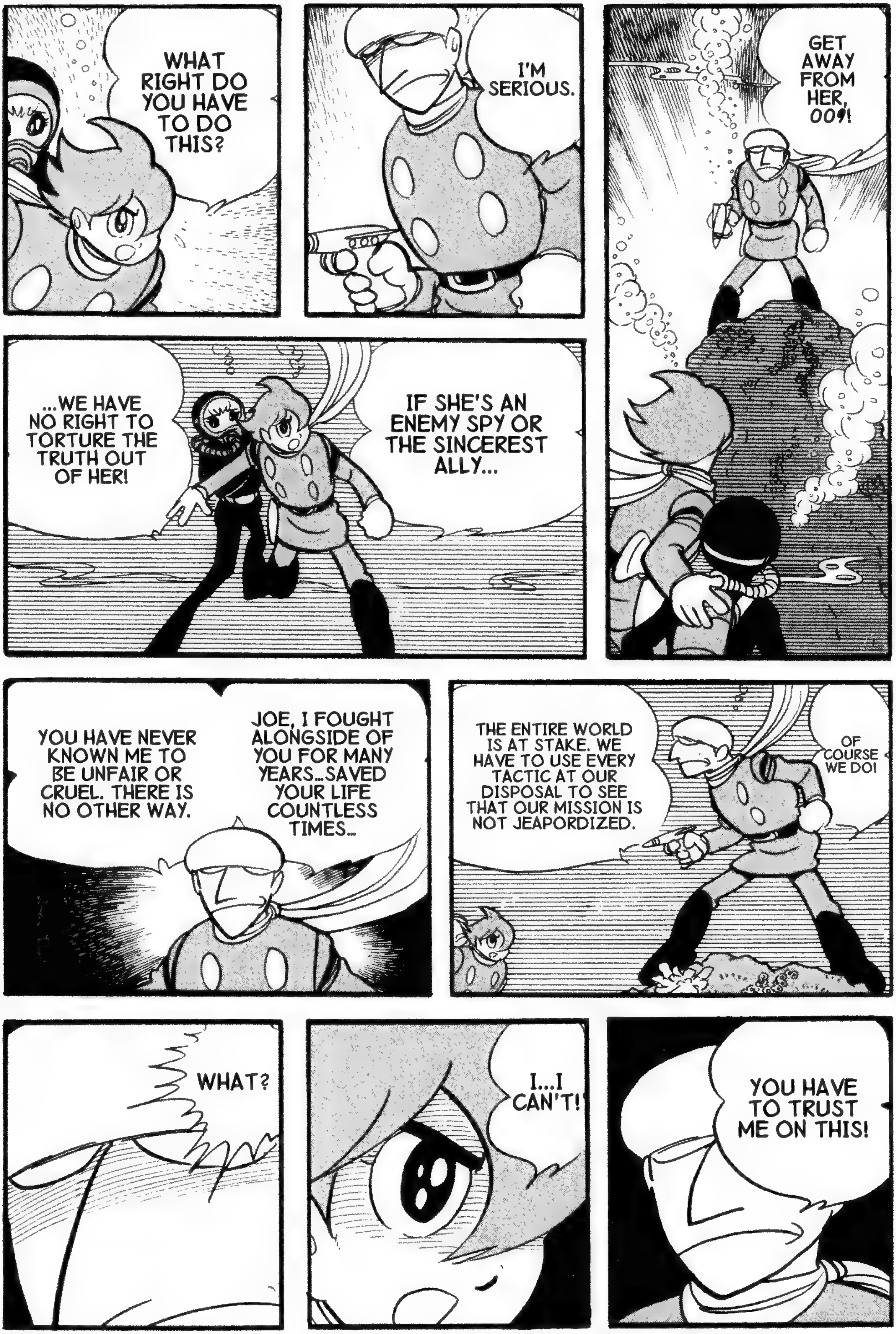
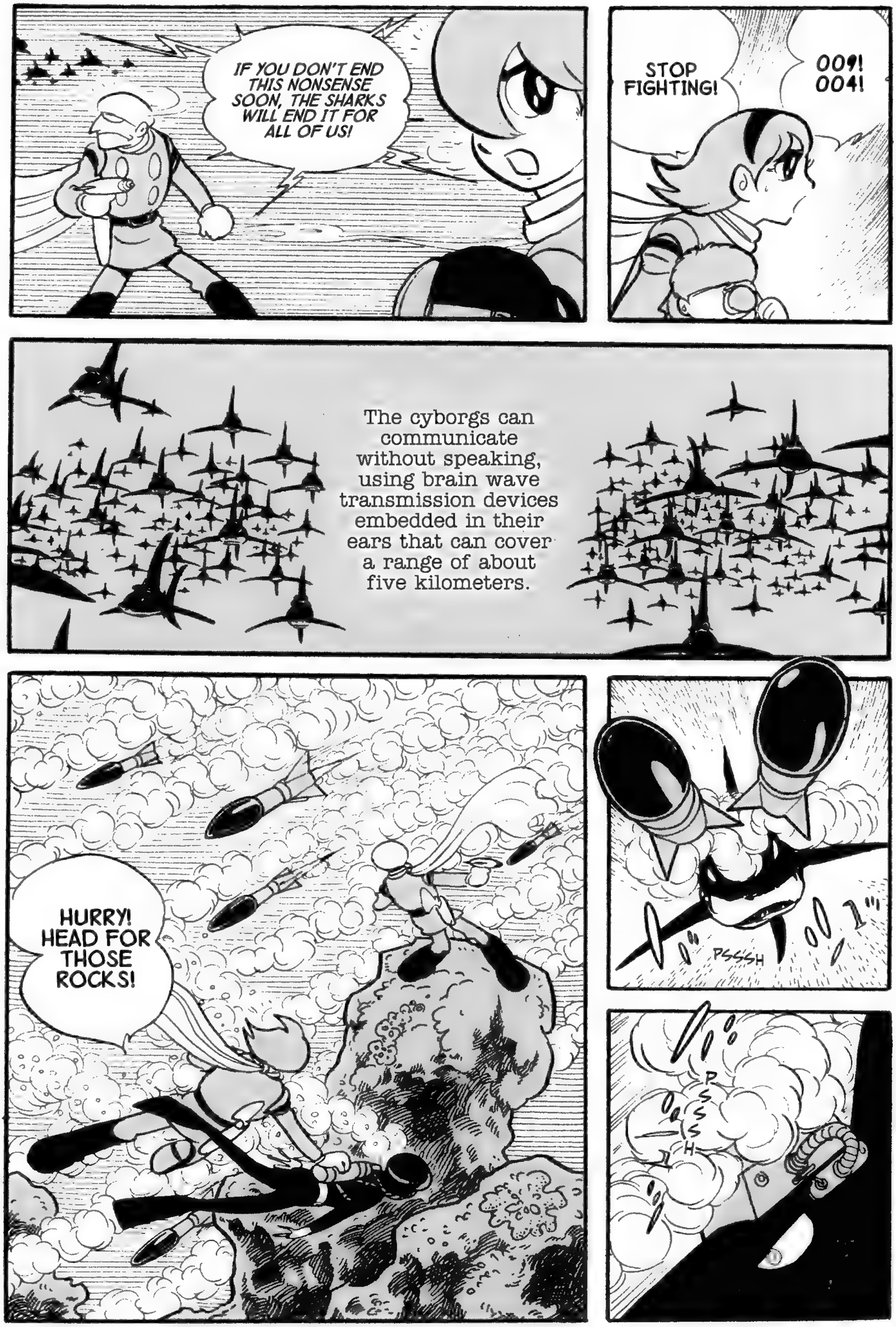
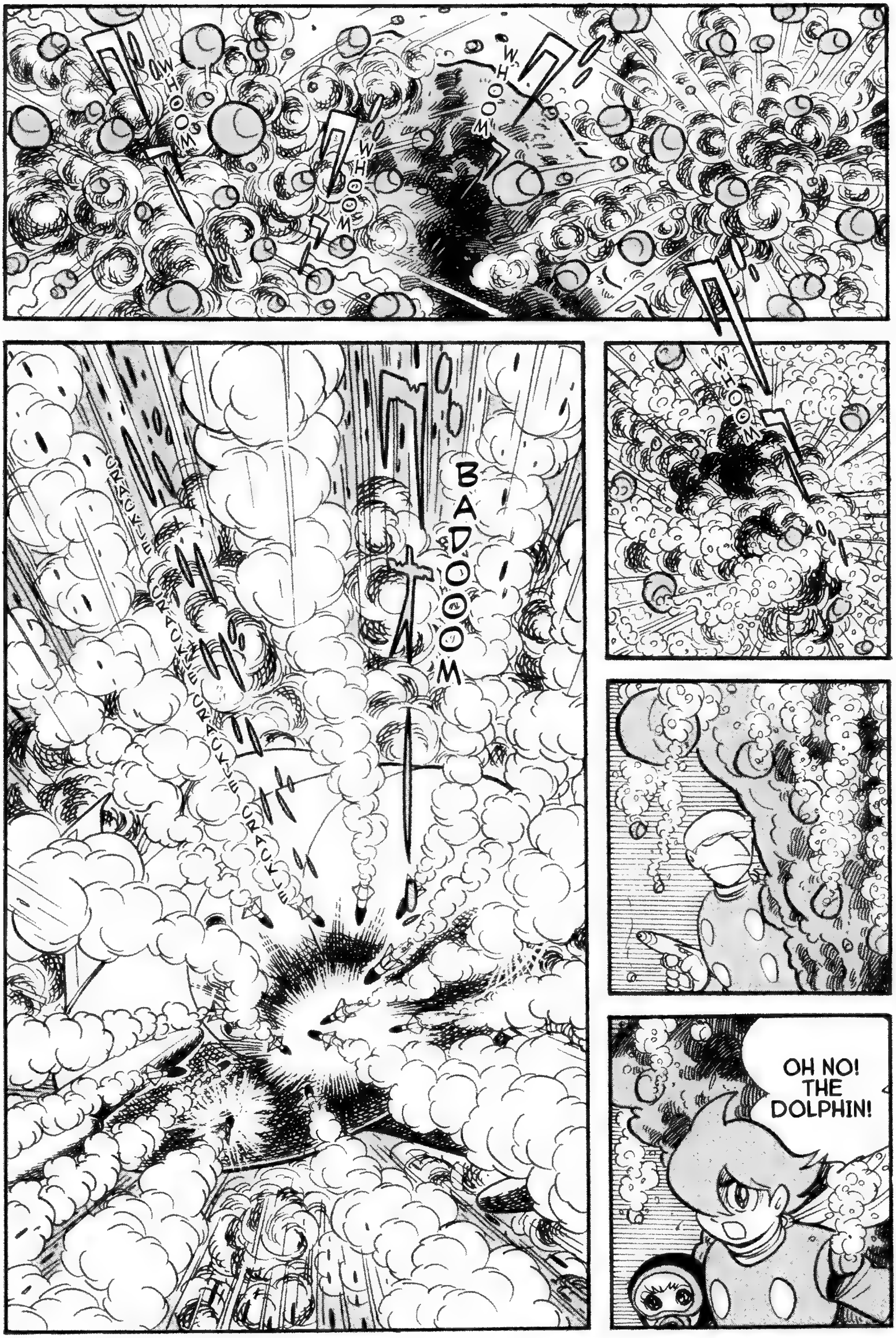
THIS JUST ADDS TO THE TEST.
NOT SO FAST, JOE.
HMPH.
THEY'RE GETTING CLOSER!
IDIOT!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING, 009?
DASH
......
THEY'RE ALMOST ON TOP OF US!
PSSSH
FOOO
CREAK
004!
009!


GET AWAY FROM HER, 009!
I'M SERIOUS.
WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO DO THIS?
IF SHE'S AN ENEMY SPY OR THE SINCEREST ALLY...
...WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO TORTURE THE TRUTH OUT OF HER!
OF COURSE WE DO!
THE ENTIRE WORLD IS AT STAKE. WE HAVE TO USE EVERY TACTIC AT OUR DISPOSAL TO SEE THAT OUR MISSION IS NOT JEAPORDIZED.
JOE, I FOUGHT ALONGSIDE OF YOU FOR MANY YEARS...SAVED YOUR LIFE COUNTLESS TIMES...
YOU HAVE NEVER KNOWN ME TO BE UNFAIR OR CRUEL. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY.
YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME ON THIS!
I...I CAN'T!
WHAT?


IF YOU DON'T END THIS NONSENSE SOON, THE SHARKS WILL END IT FOR ALL OF US!
STOP FIGHTING!
009! 004!
The cyborgs can communicate without speaking, using brain wave transmission devices embedded in their ears that can cover a range of about five kilometers.
HURRY! HEAD FOR THOSE ROCKS!
PSSSH
PSSSH


WHOOM
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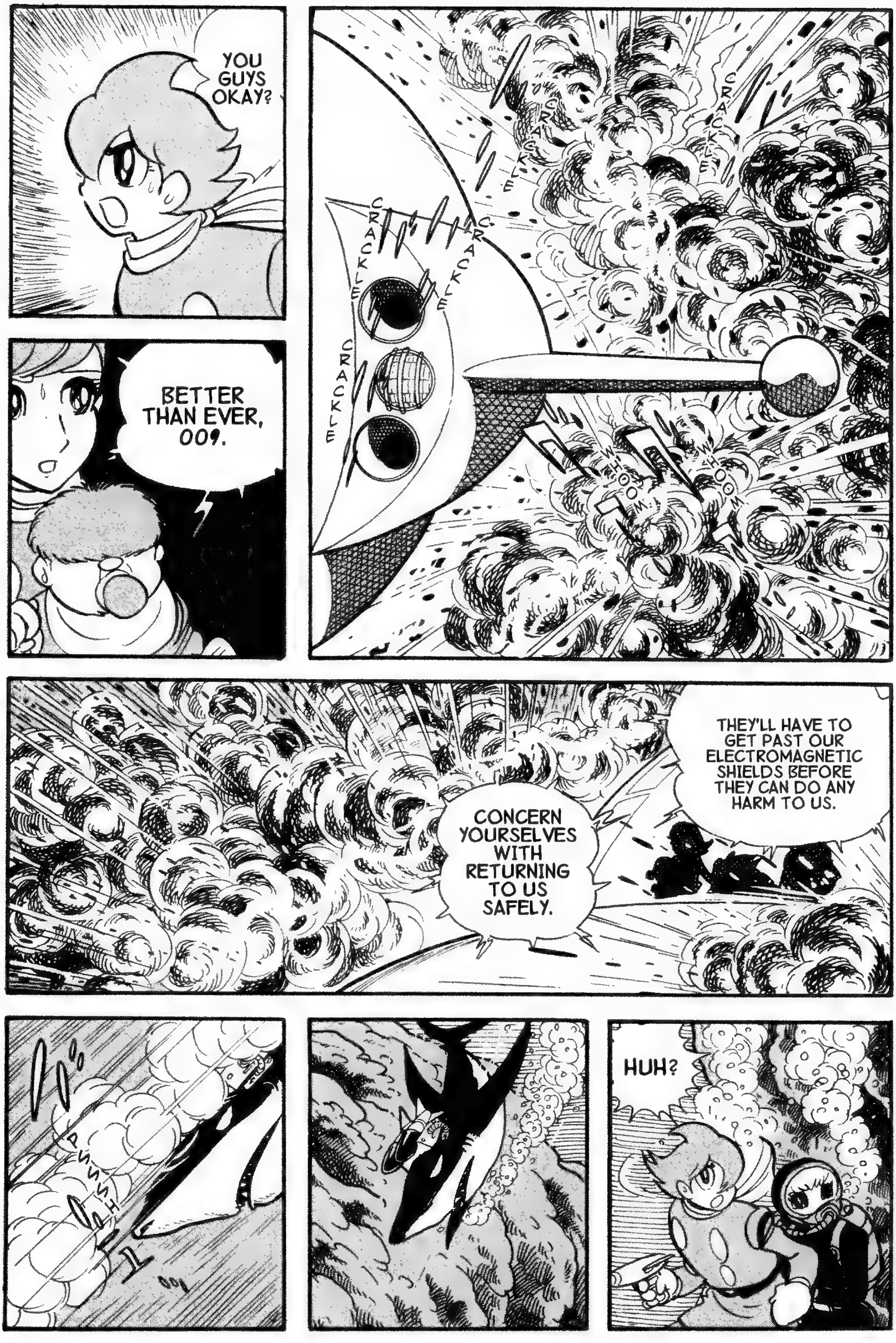
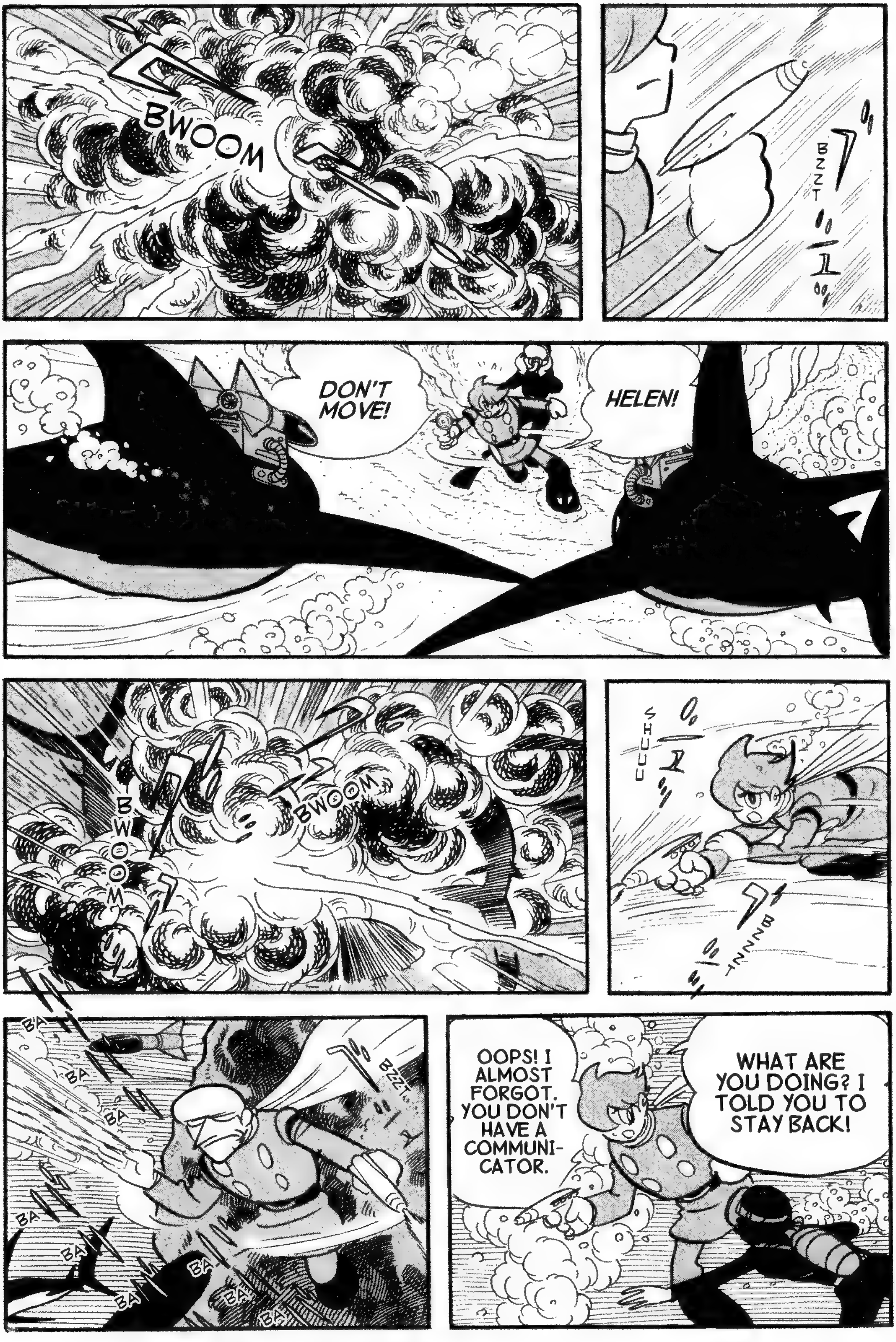
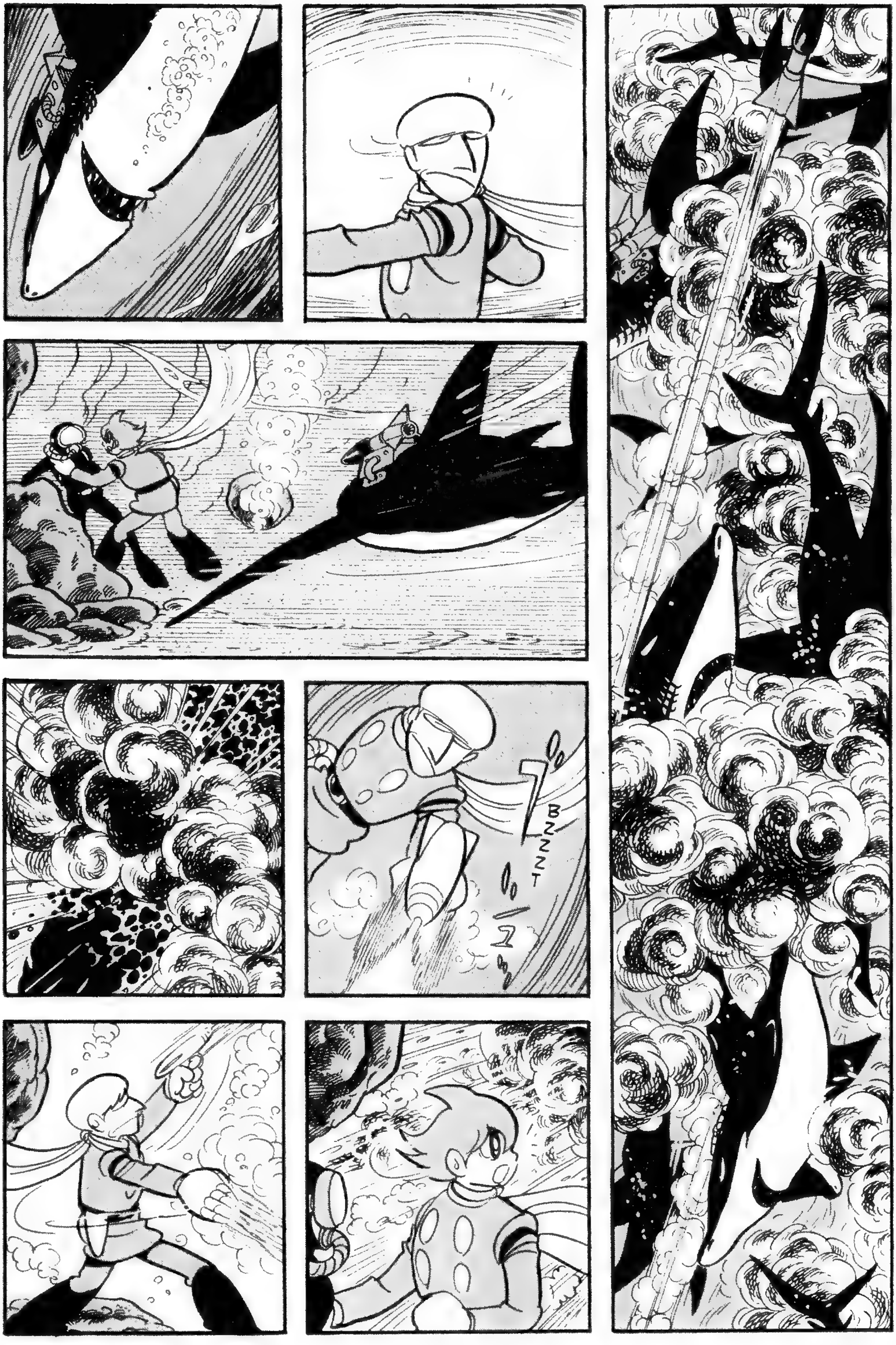
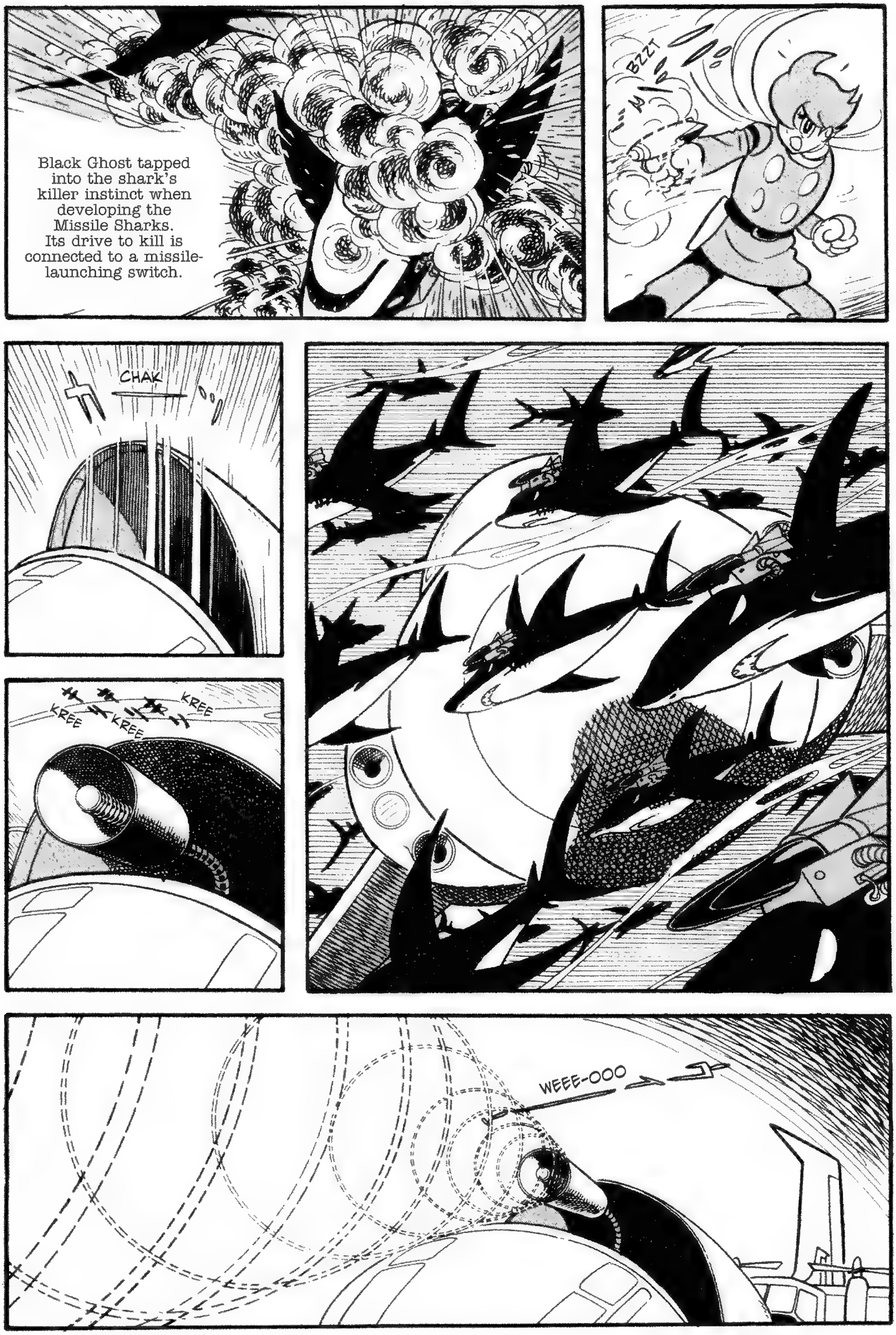
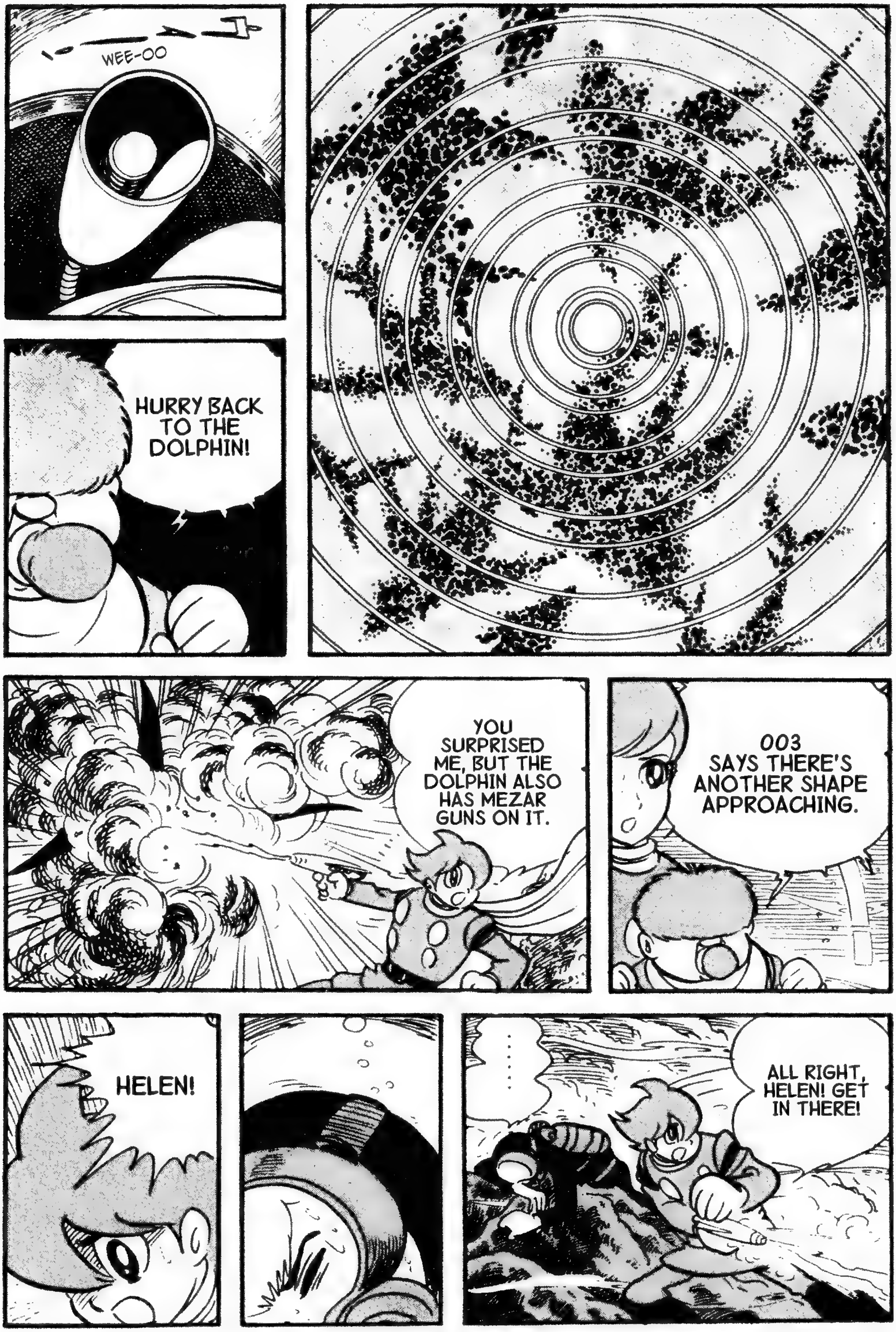
BADOOOOM
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
WHOOM
OH NO! THE DOLPHIN!


YOU GUYS OKAY?
BETTER THAN EVER, 009.
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
WHOOM
WHOOM
THEY'LL HAVE TO GET PAST OUR ELECTROMAGNETIC SHIELDS BEFORE THEY CAN DO ANY HARM TO US.
CONCERN YOURSELVES WITH RETURNING TO US SAFELY.
PSSSH
HUH?


BWOOM
BZZT
DON'T MOVE!
HELEN!
BWOOM
BWOOM
SHUUU
BNNNT
BA BA BA BA BA BA BA BA BA BA
BZZT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I TOLD YOU TO STAY BACK!
OOPS! I ALMOST FORGOT. YOU DON'T HAVE A COMMUNICATOR.


BZZZT


Black Ghost tapped into the shark's killer instinct when developing the Missile Sharks. Its drive to kill is connected to a missile-launching switch.
BZZT
CHAK
KREE KREE KREE
WEEE-OOO


WEE-OO
HURRY BACK TO THE DOLPHIN!
YOU SURPRISED ME, BUT THE DOLPHIN ALSO HAS MEZAR GUNS ON IT.
003 SAYS THERE'S ANOTHER SHAPE APPROACHING.
HELEN!
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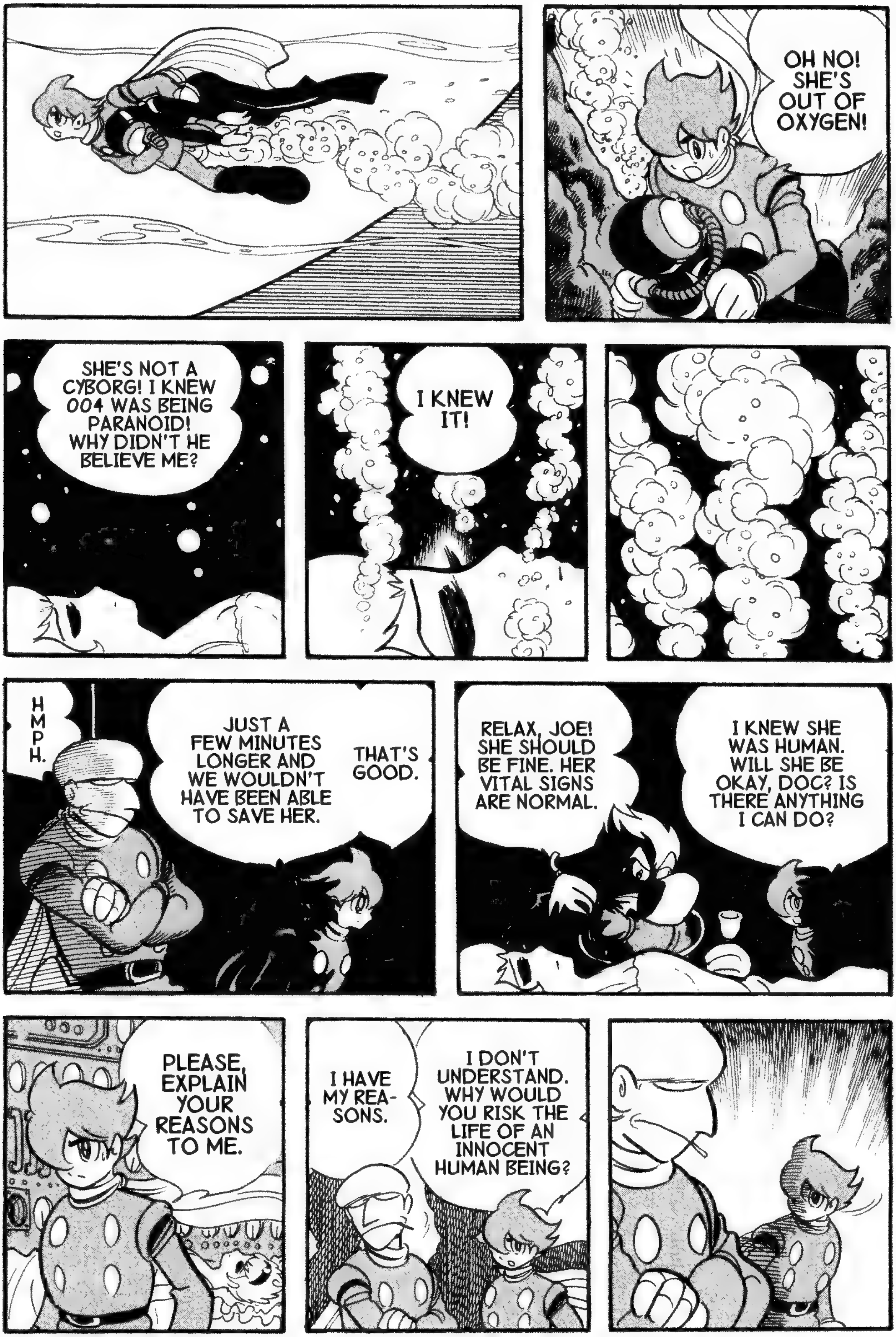
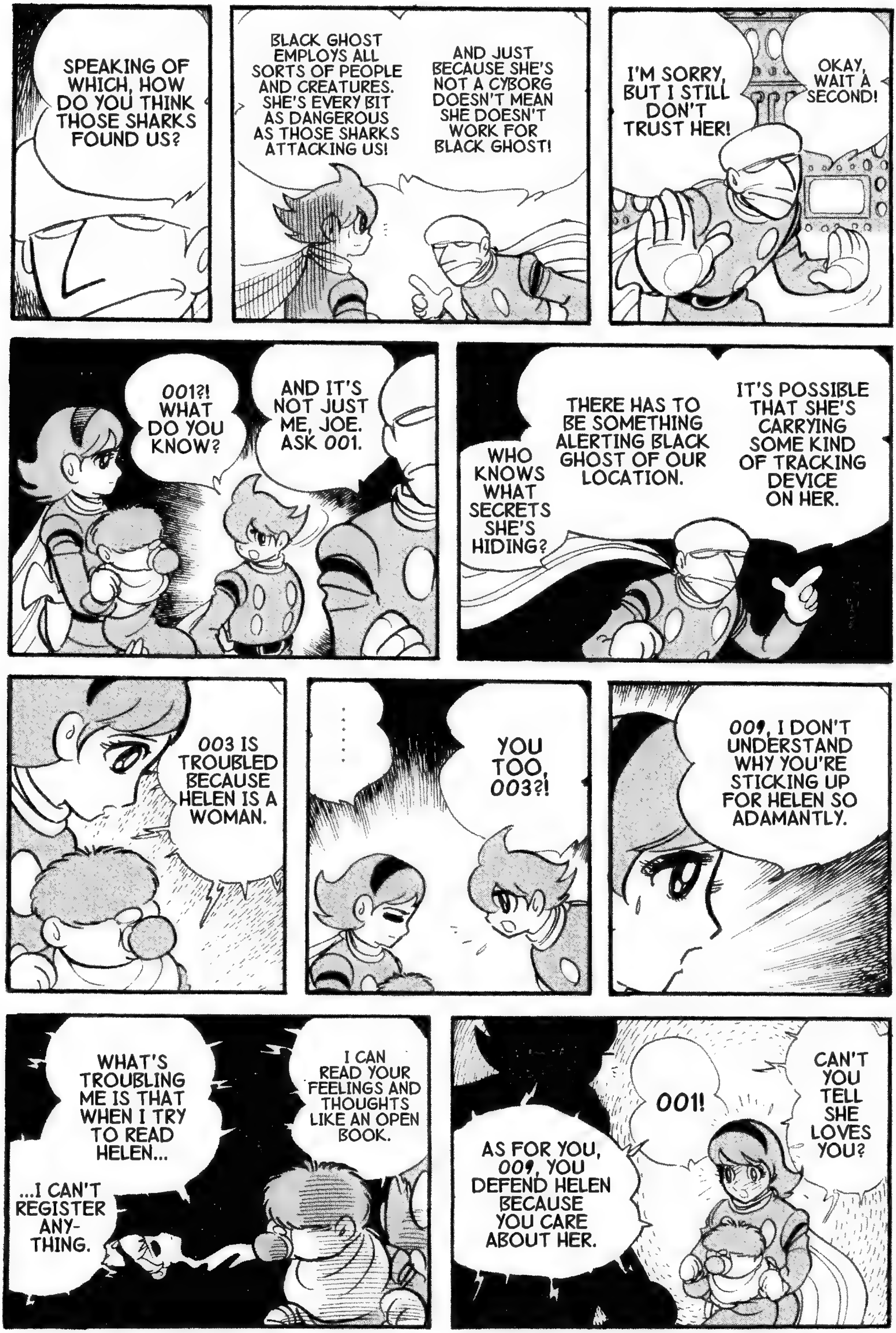
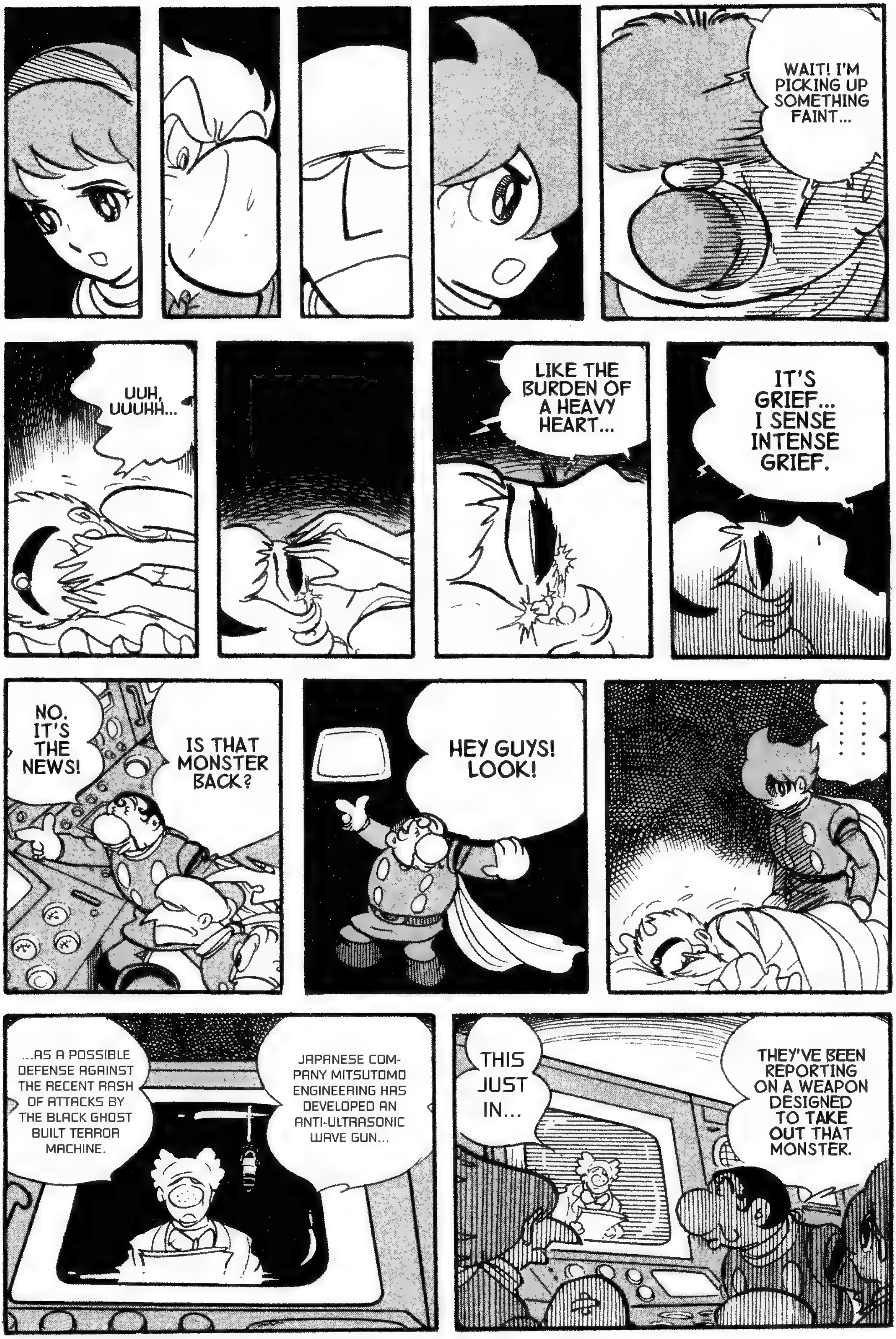
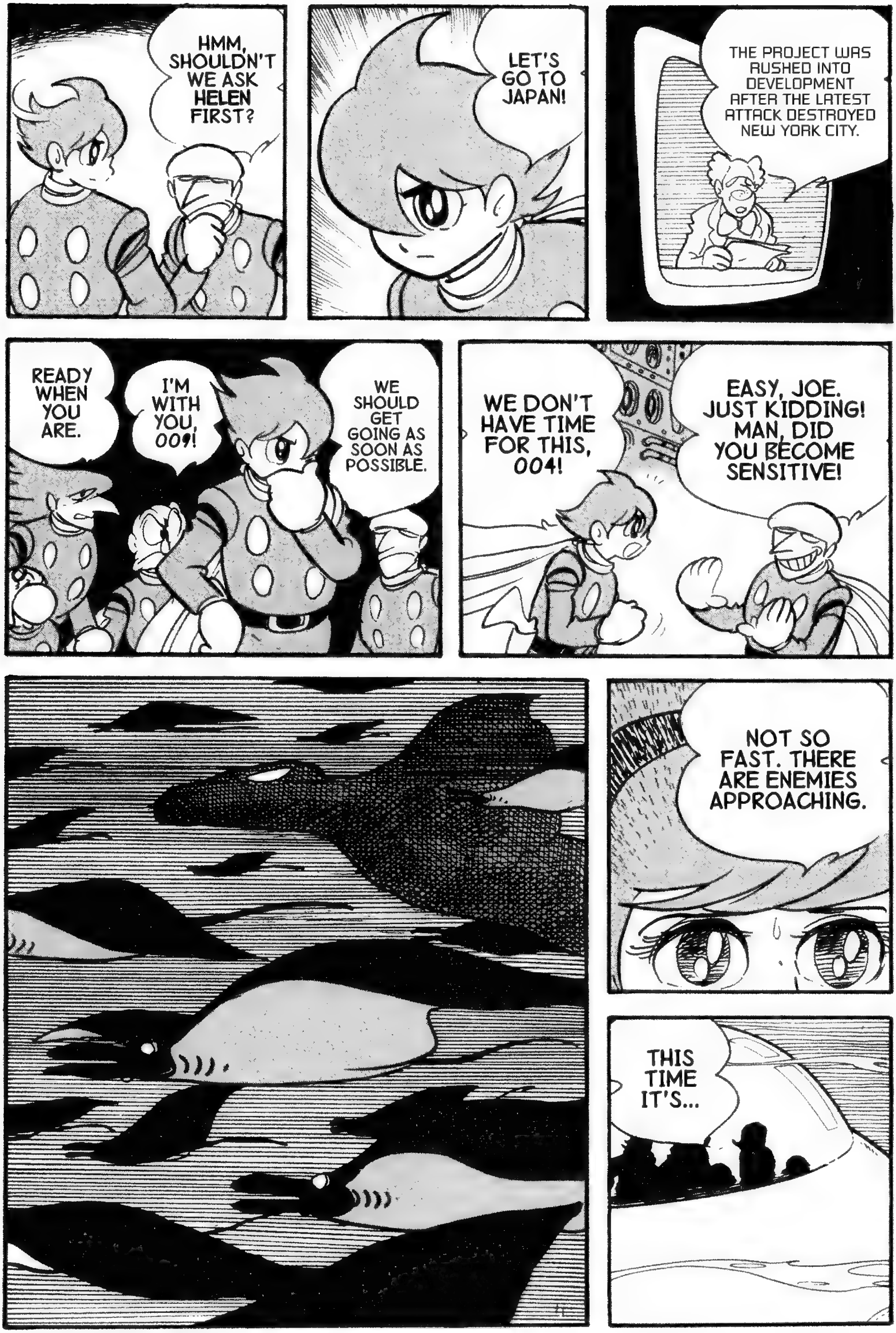
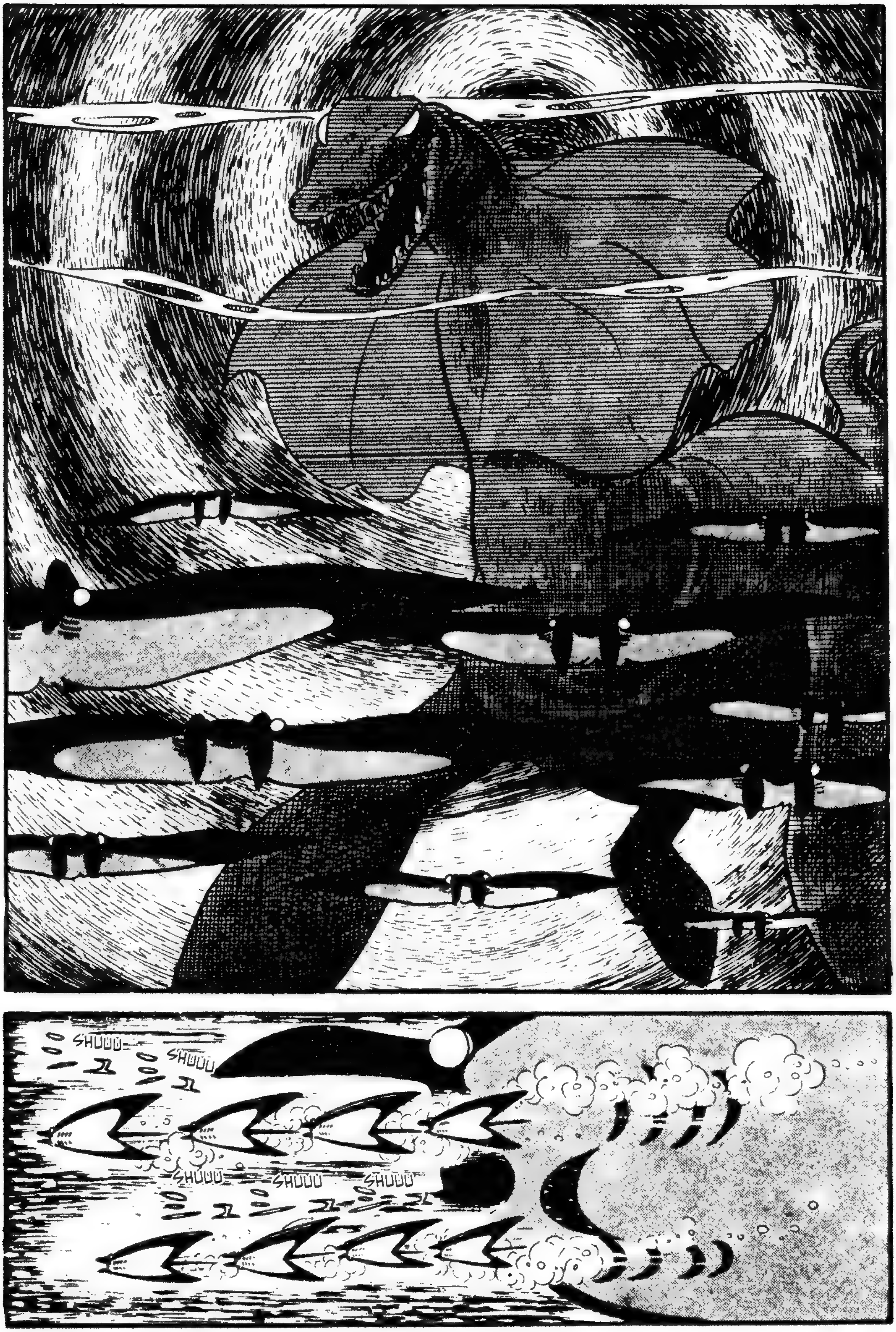
ALL RIGHT, HELEN! GET IN THERE!


OH NO! SHE'S OUT OF OXYGEN!
I KNEW IT!
SHE'S NOT A CYBORG! I KNEW 004 WAS BEING PARANOID! WHY DIDN'T HE BELIEVE ME?
I KNEW SHE WAS HUMAN. WILL SHE BE OKAY, DOC? IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?
RELAX, JOE! SHE SHOULD BE FINE. HER VITAL SIGNS ARE NORMAL.
THAT'S GOOD.
JUST A FEW MINUTES LONGER AND WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE HER.
HMPH.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY WOULD YOU RISK THE LIFE OF AN INNOCENT HUMAN BEING?
I HAVE MY REASONS.
PLEASE, EXPLAIN YOUR REASONS TO ME.


SPEAKING OF WHICH, HOW DO YOU THINK THOSE SHARKS FOUND US?
BLACK GHOST EMPLOYS ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE AND CREATURES. SHE'S EVERY BIT AS DANGEROUS AS THOSE SHARKS ATTACKING US!
AND JUST BECAUSE SHE'S NOT A CYBORG DOESN'T MEAN SHE DOESN'T WORK FOR BLACK GHOST!
I'M SORRY, BUT I STILL DON'T TRUST HER!
OKAY, WAIT A SECOND!
AND IT'S NOT JUST ME, JOE. ASK 001.
001?! WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING ALERTING BLACK GHOST OF OUR LOCATION.
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT SHE'S CARRYING SOME KIND OF TRACKING DEVICE ON HER.
WHO KNOWS WHAT SECRETS SHE'S HIDING?
003 IS TROUBLED BECAUSE HELEN IS A WOMAN.
......
YOU TOO, 003?!
009, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE STICKING UP FOR HELEN SO ADAMANTLY.
I CAN READ YOUR FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS LIKE AN OPEN BOOK.
WHAT'S TROUBLING ME IS THAT WHEN I TRY TO READ HELEN...
...I CAN'T REGISTER ANYTHING.
001!
AS FOR YOU, 009, YOU DEFEND HELEN BECAUSE YOU CARE ABOUT HER.
CAN'T YOU TELL SHE LOVES YOU?


WAIT! I'M PICKING UP SOMETHING FAINT...
IT'S GRIEF... I SENSE INTENSE GRIEF.
LIKE THE BURDEN OF A HEAVY HEART...
UUH, UUUHH...
......
HEY GUYS! LOOK!
IS THAT MONSTER BACK?
NO. IT'S THE NEWS!
THEY'VE BEEN REPORTING ON A WEAPON DESIGNED TO TAKE OUT THAT MONSTER.
THIS JUST IN...
JAPANESE COMPANY MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING HAS DEVELOPED AN ANTI-ULTRASONIC WAVE GUN...
...AS A POSSIBLE DEFENSE AGAINST THE RECENT RASH OF ATTACKS BY THE BLACK GHOST BUILT TERROR MACHINE.


HMM, SHOULDN'T WE ASK **HELEN** FIRST?
LET'S GO TO JAPAN!
THE PROJECT WAS RUSHED INTO DEVELOPMENT AFTER THE LATEST ATTACK DESTROYED NEW YORK CITY.
WE SHOULD GET GOING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
I'M WITH YOU, 009!
READY WHEN YOU ARE.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS, 004!
EASY, JOE. JUST KIDDING! MAN, DID YOU BECOME SENSITIVE!
NOT SO FAST. THERE ARE ENEMIES APPROACHING.
THIS TIME IT'S...


SHUUU
SHUUU
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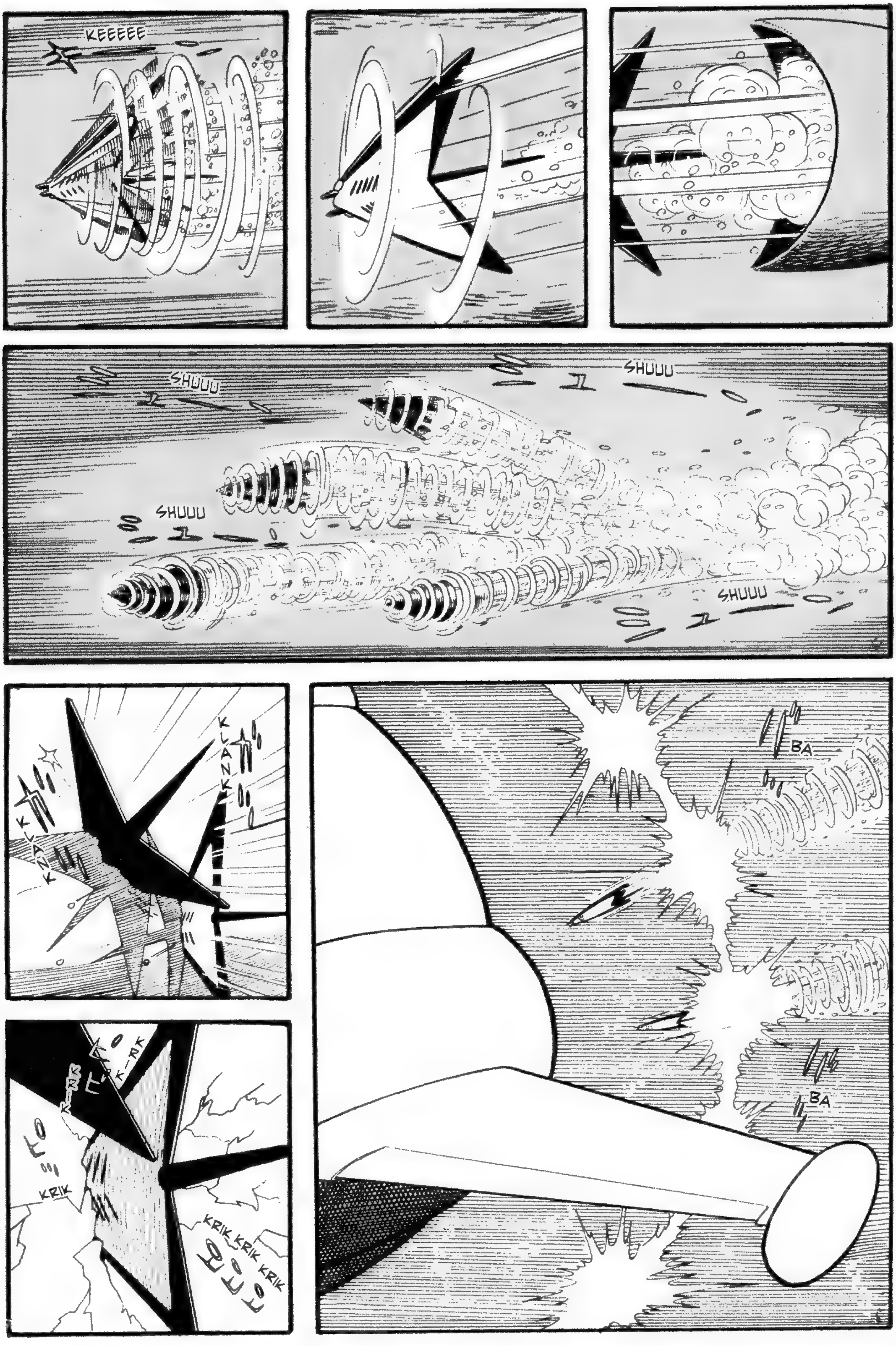
SHUUU
SHUUU


KEEEEE
SHUUU
SHUUU
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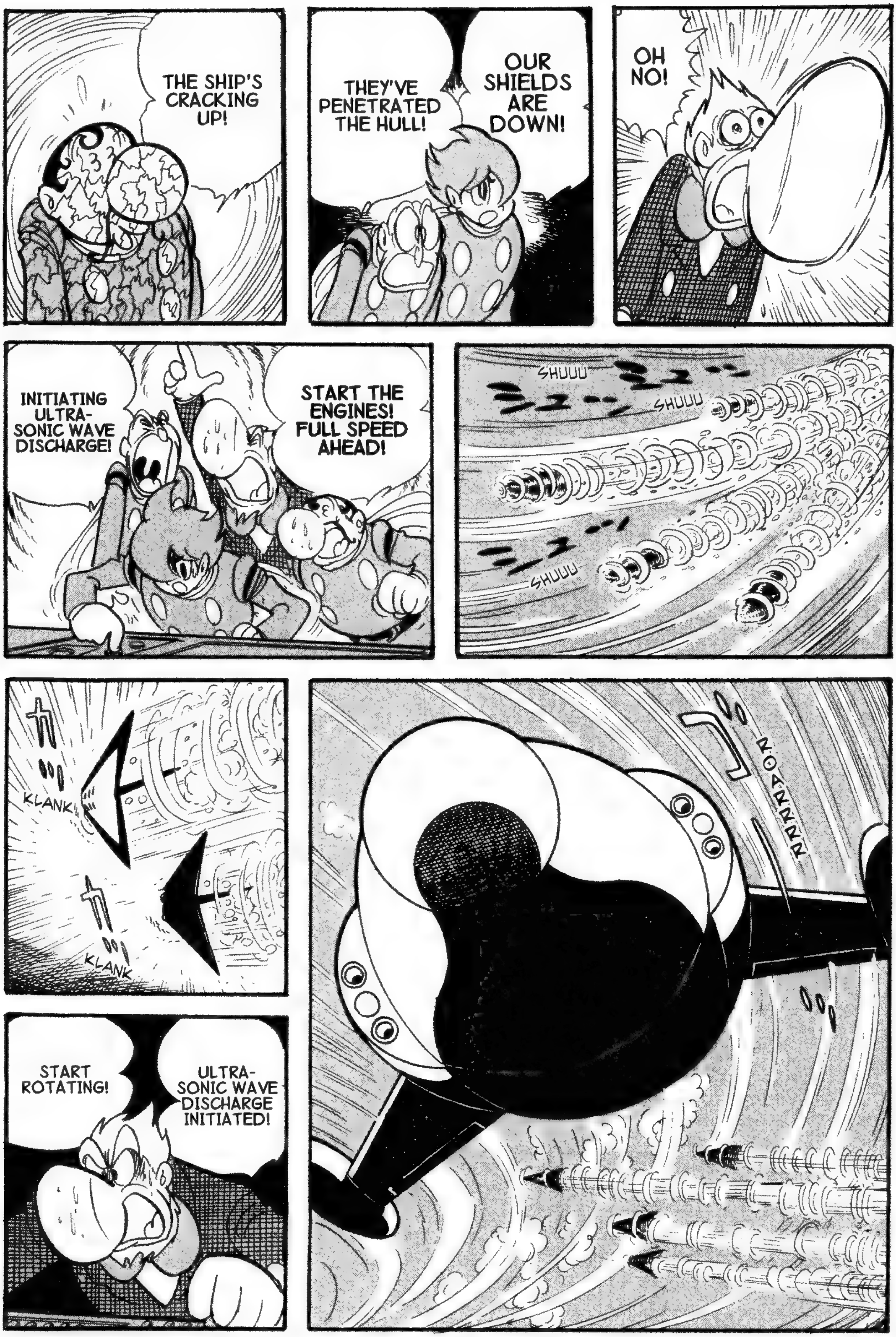
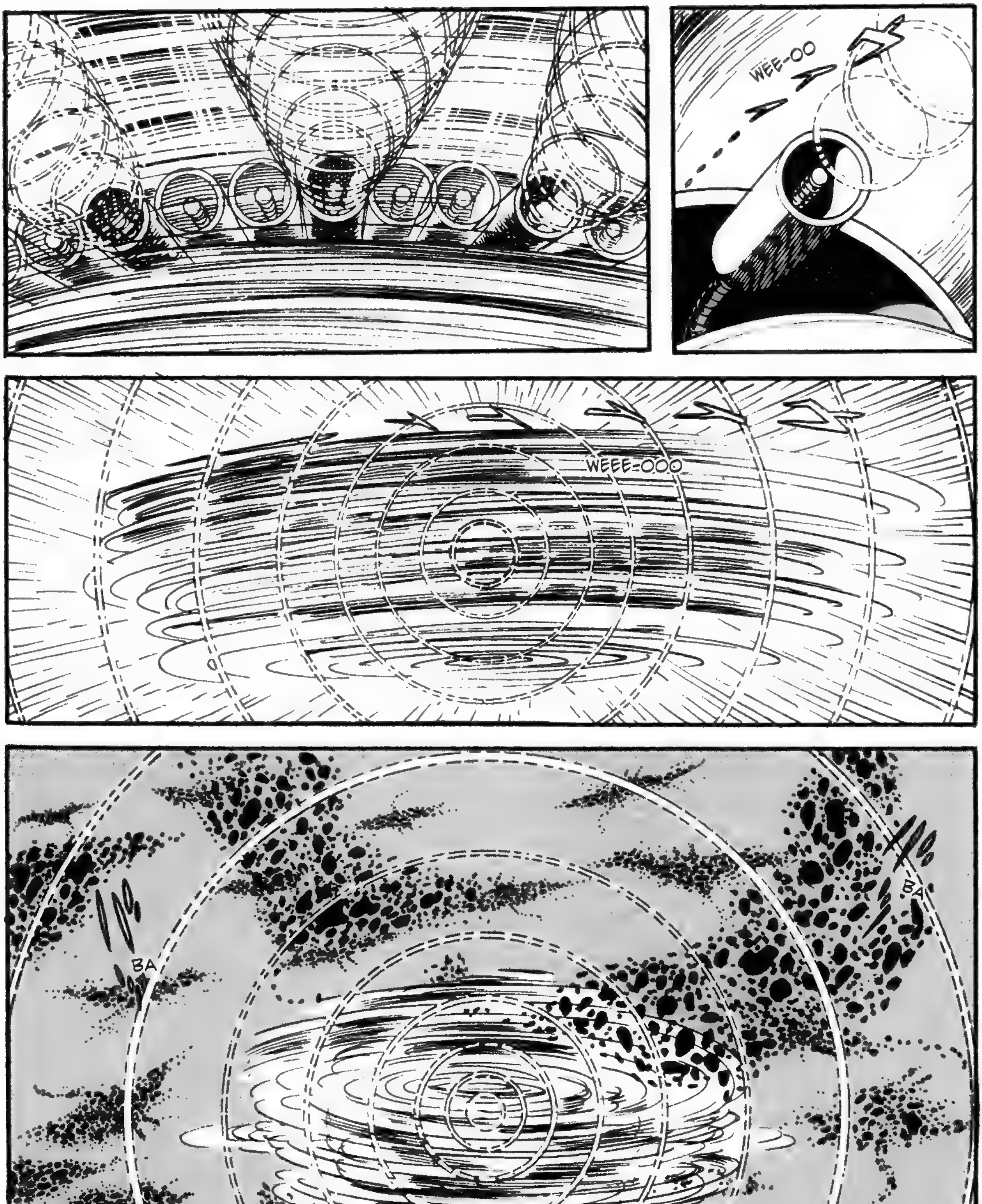
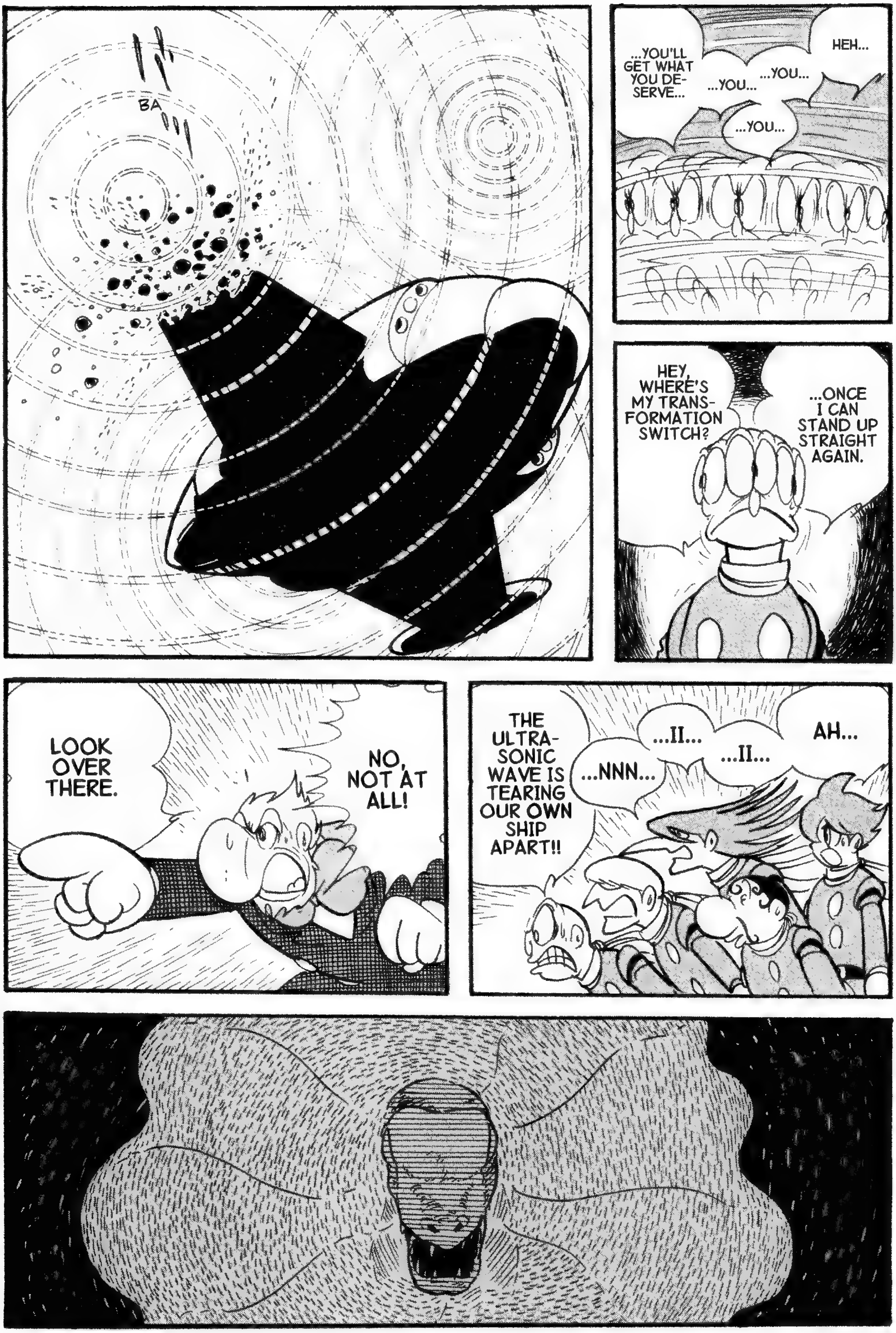
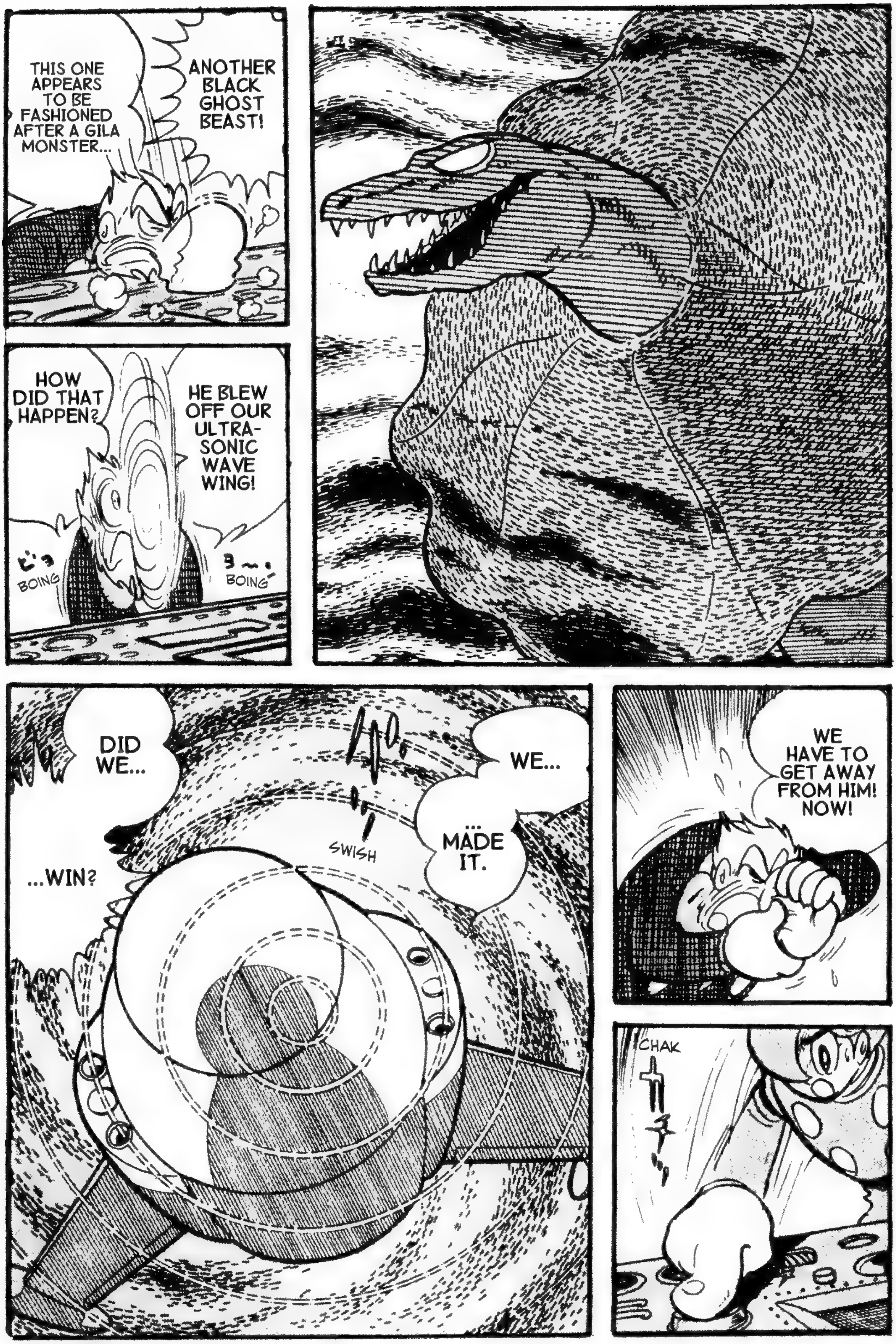
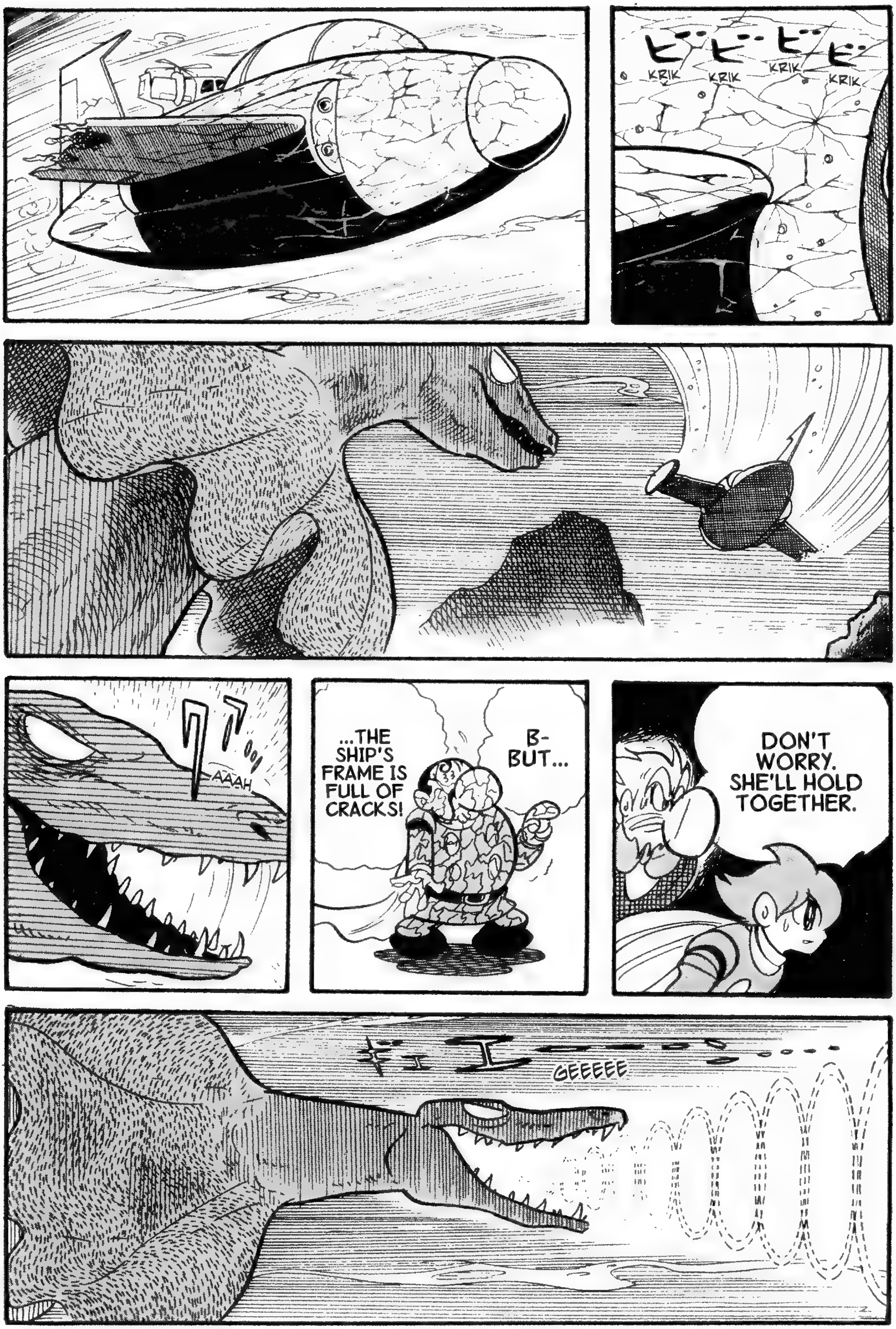
SHUUU
KLANK
KLANK
BA
BA
K-RK
R-RR
KRIK
KRIK KRIK KRIK KRIK


THE SHIP'S CRACKING UP!
THEY'VE PENETRATED THE HULL!
OUR SHIELDS ARE DOWN!
OH NO!
INITIATING ULTRA-SONIC WAVE DISCHARGE!
START THE ENGINES! FULL SPEED AHEAD!
SHUUU
SHUUU
SHUUU
KLANK
KLANK
START ROTATING!
ULTRA-SONIC WAVE DISCHARGE INITIATED!
ROARRRR


WEE-OO
WEEE-OOO
BA
BA
BA


HEH...
...YOU...
...YOU...
...YOU...
...YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU DESERVE...
...ONCE I CAN STAND UP STRAIGHT AGAIN.
HEY, WHERE'S MY TRANSFORMATION SWITCH?
BA
AH...
...II...
...II...
...NNN...
THE ULTRASONIC WAVE IS TEARING OUR OWN SHIP APART!!
NO, NOT AT ALL!
LOOK OVER THERE.


ANOTHER BLACK GHOST BEAST!
THIS ONE APPEARS TO BE FASHIONED AFTER A GILA MONSTER...
HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?
HE BLEW OFF OUR ULTRA-SONIC WAVE WING!
BOING
BOING
DID WE... ...WIN?
SWISH
WE... ...MADE IT.
WE HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM HIM! NOW!
CHAK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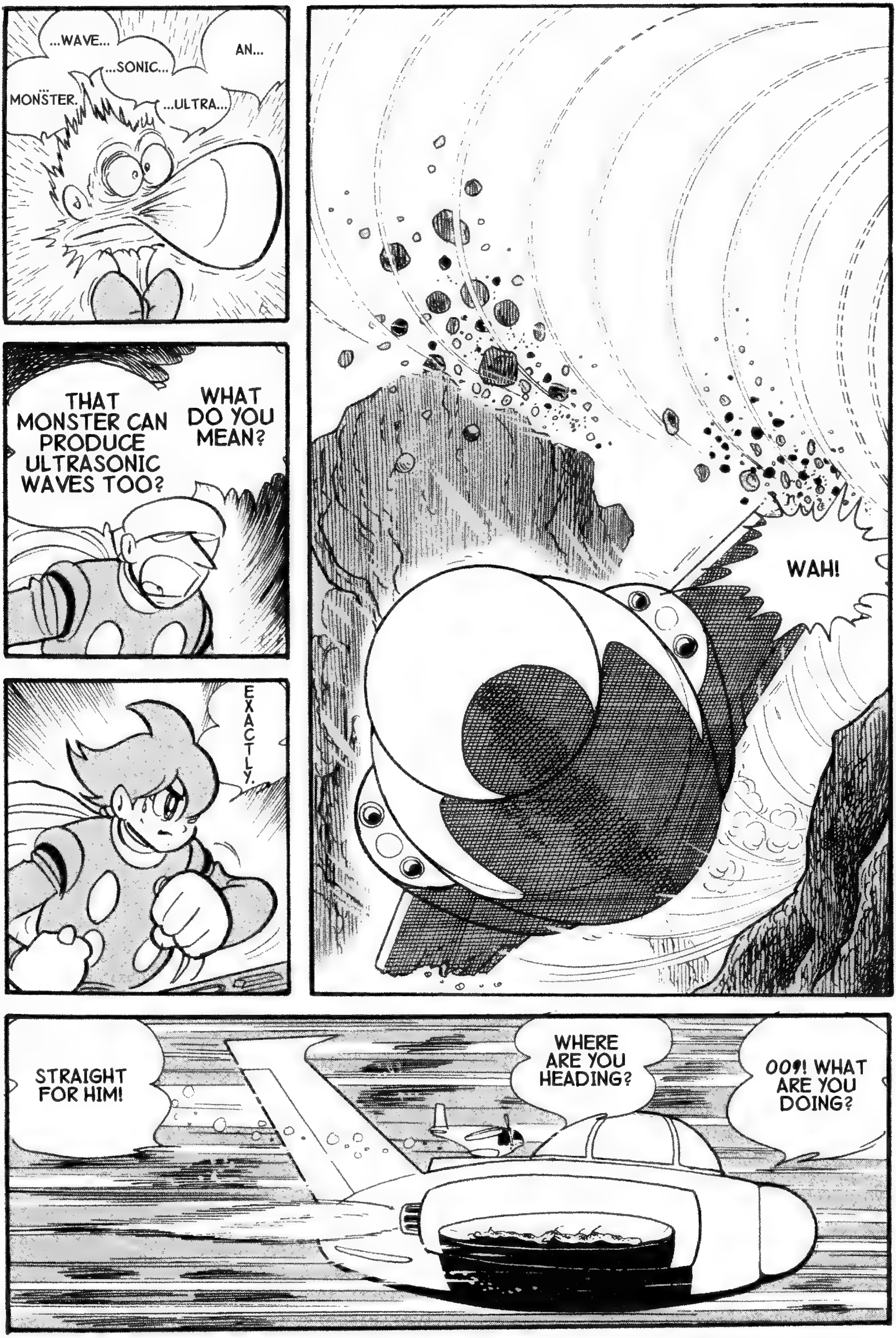
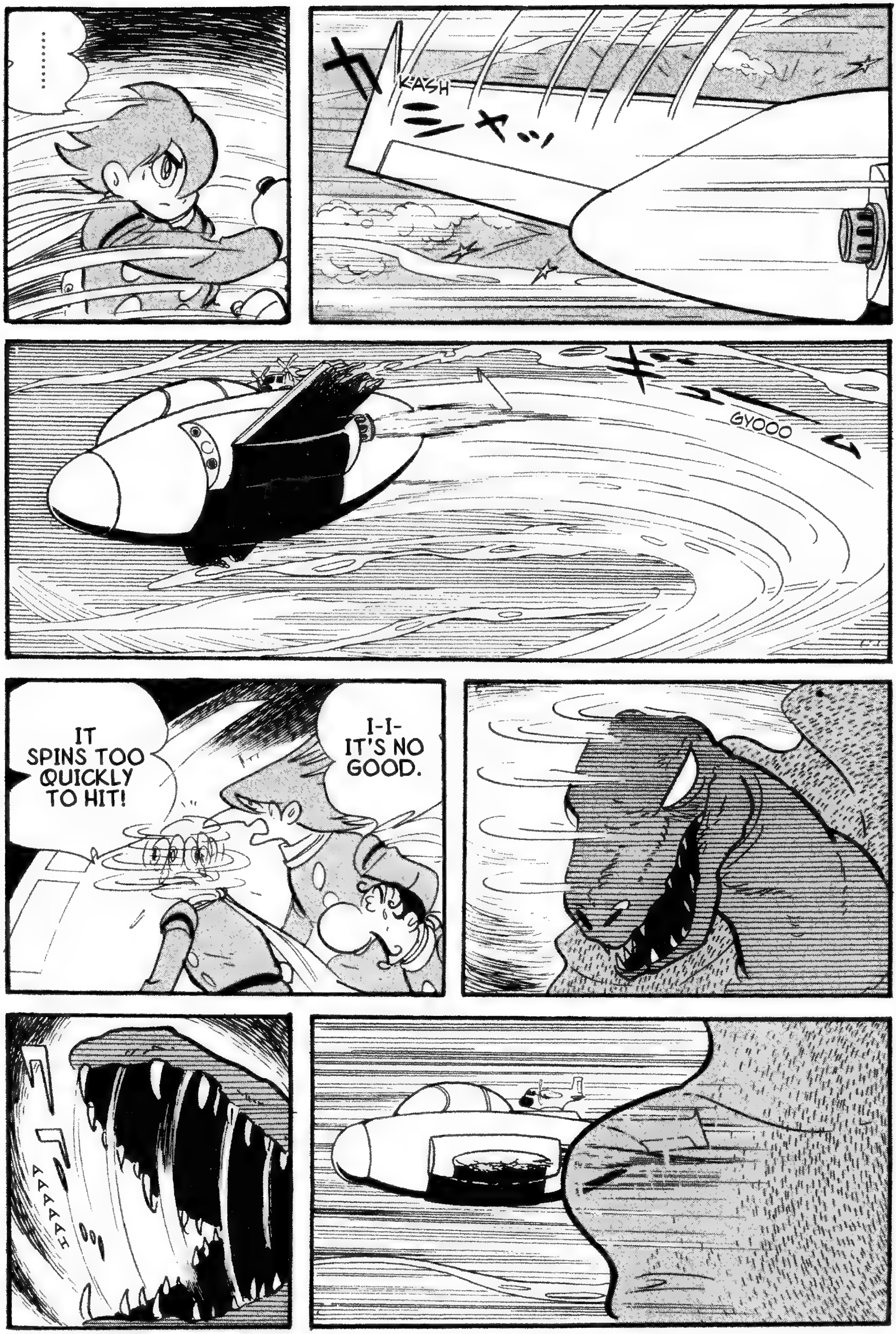
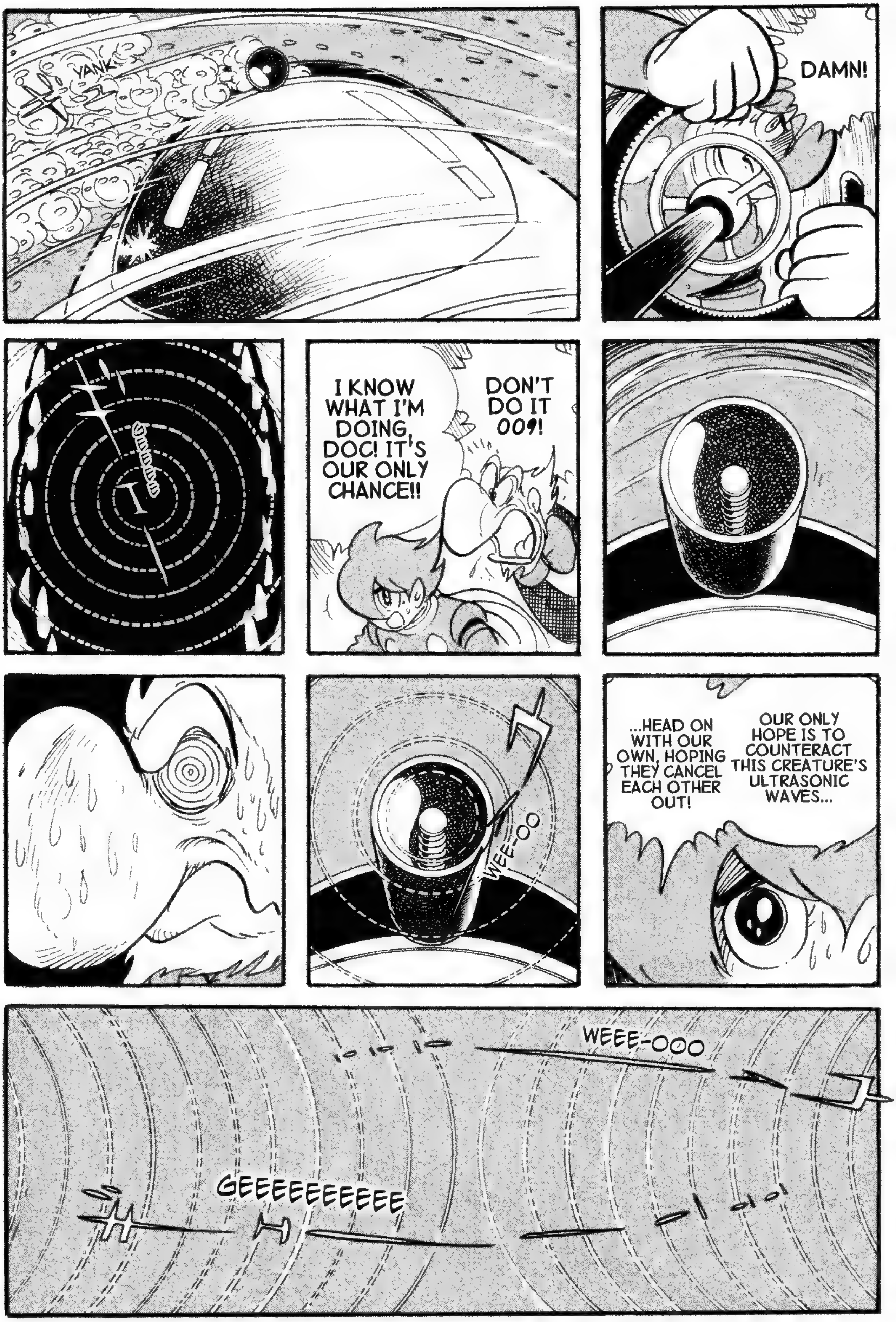
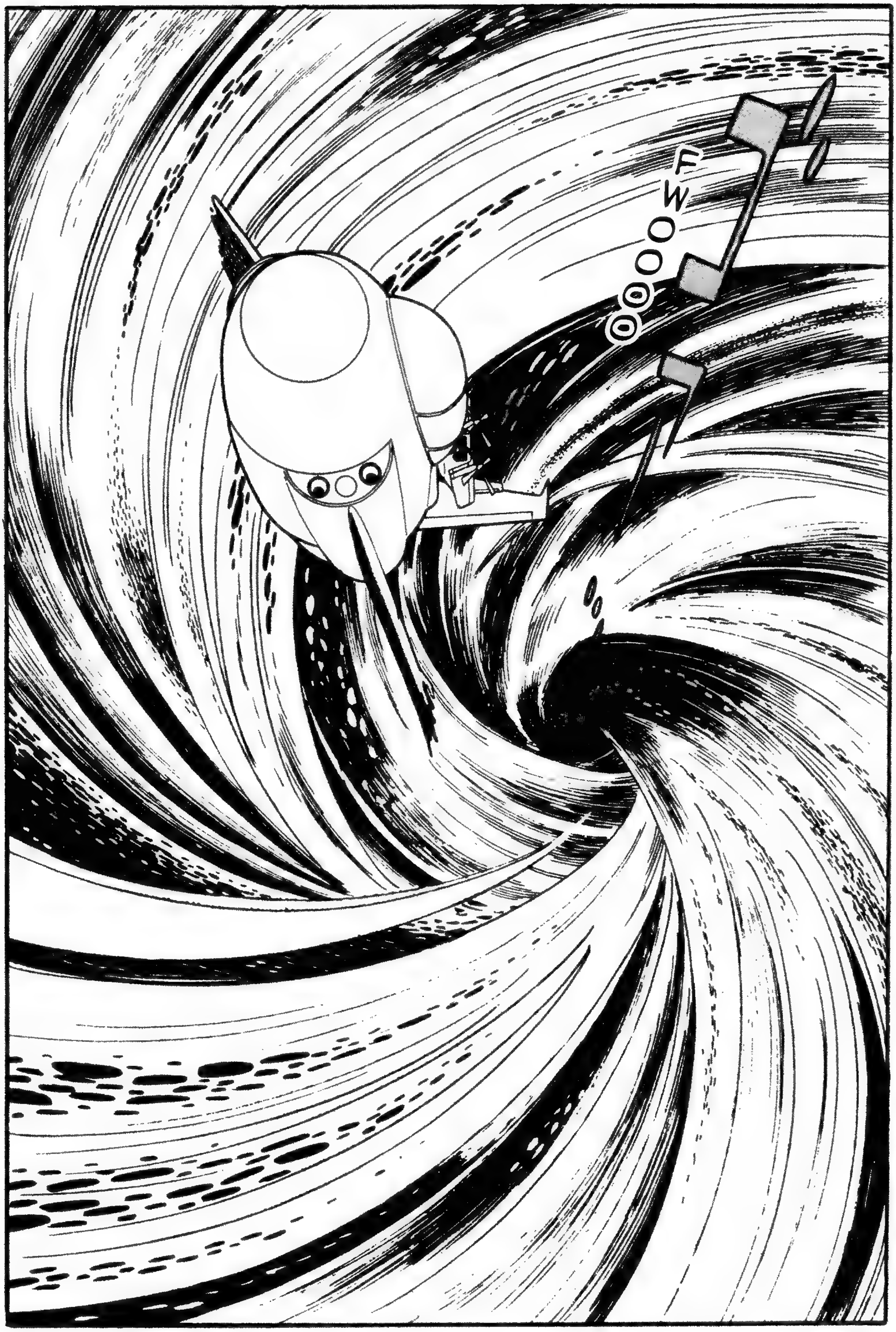
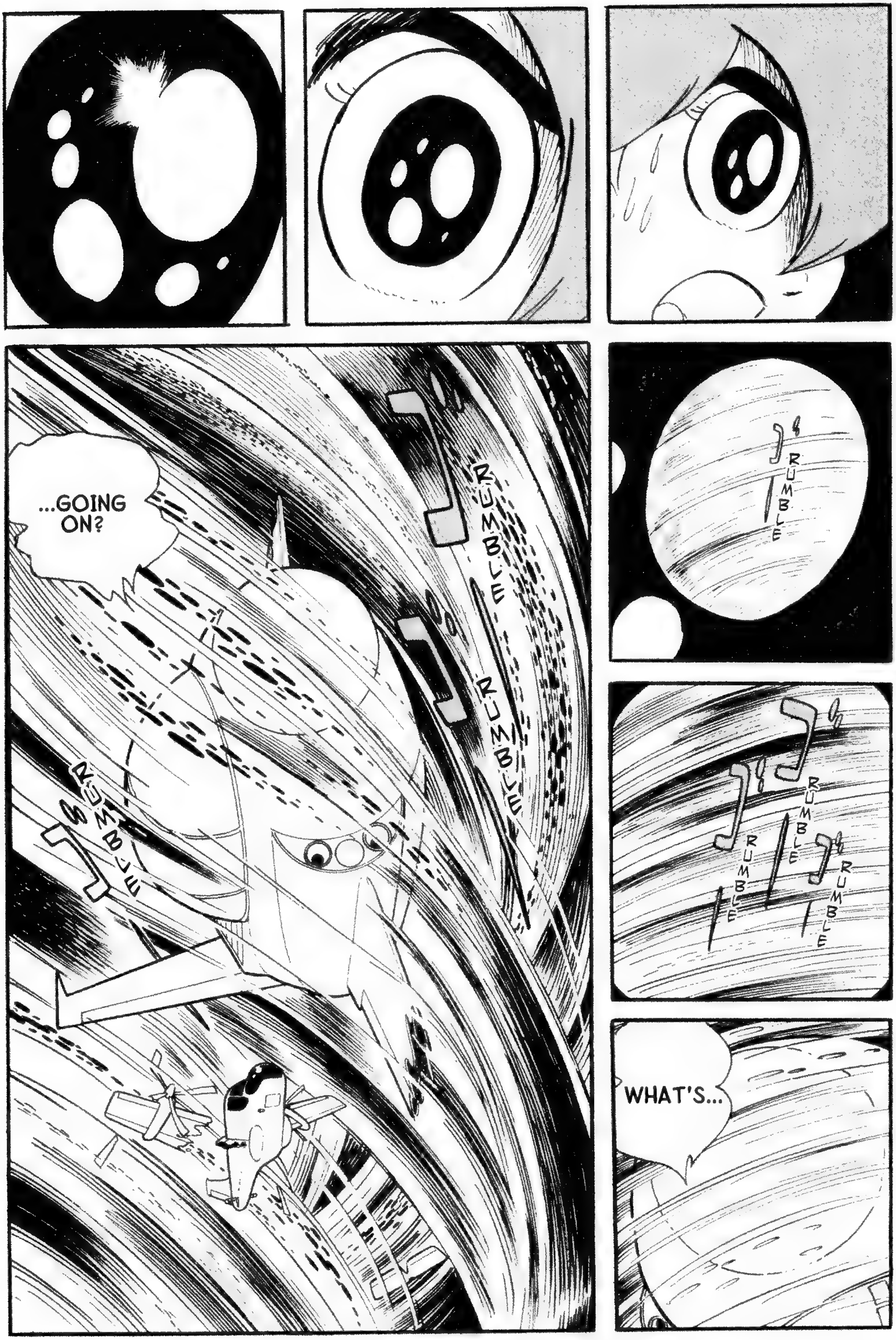
KRIK KRIK KRIK KRIK
AAAH
B-BUT...
...THE SHIP'S FRAME IS FULL OF CRACKS!
DON'T WORRY. SHE'LL HOLD TOGETHER.
ギュエーーー
GEEEEE

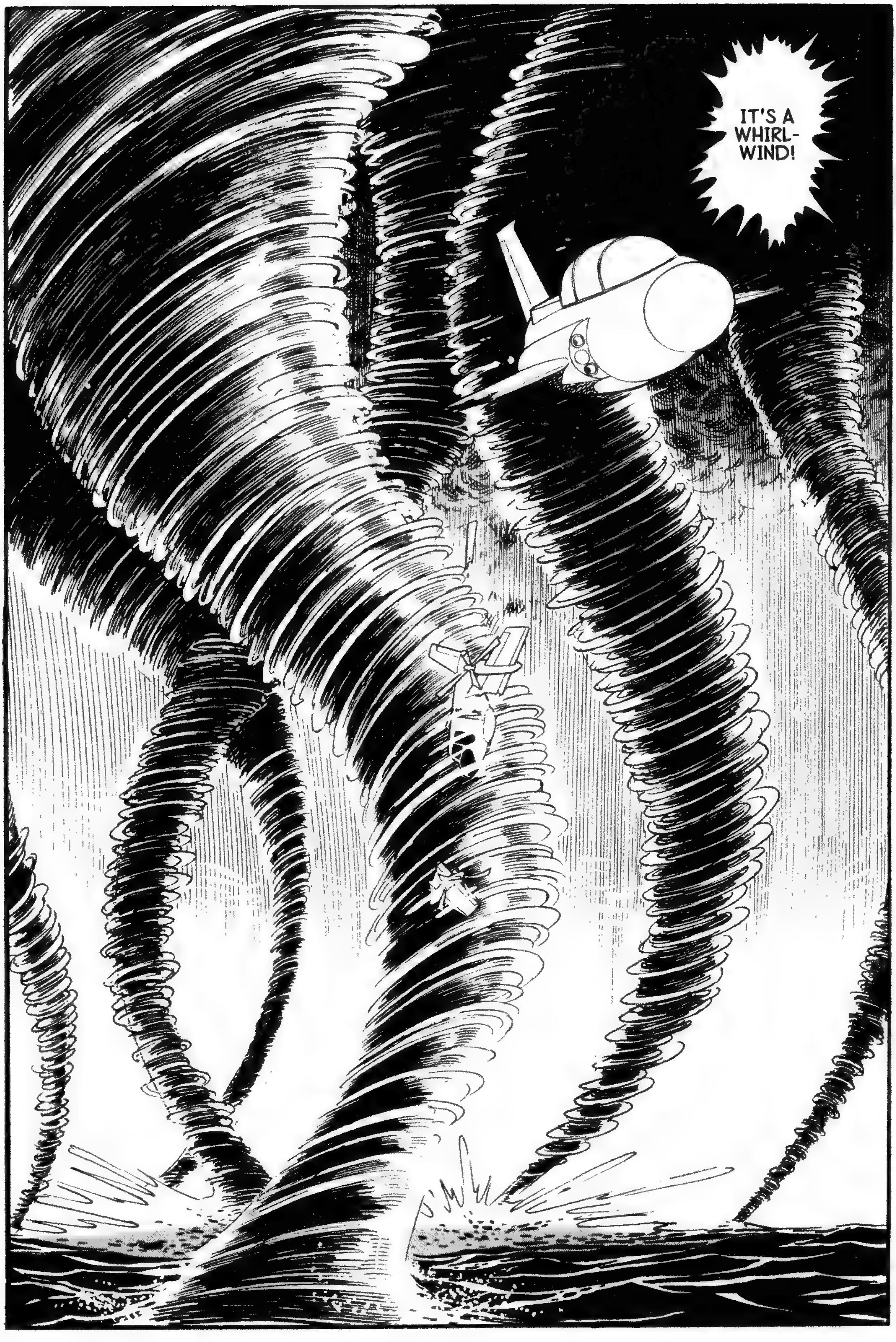

AN...
...ULTRA...
...SONIC...
...WAVE...
...MONSTER.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THAT MONSTER CAN PRODUCE ULTRASONIC WAVES TOO?
EXACTLY.
WAH!
009! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHERE ARE YOU HEADING?
STRAIGHT FOR HIM!

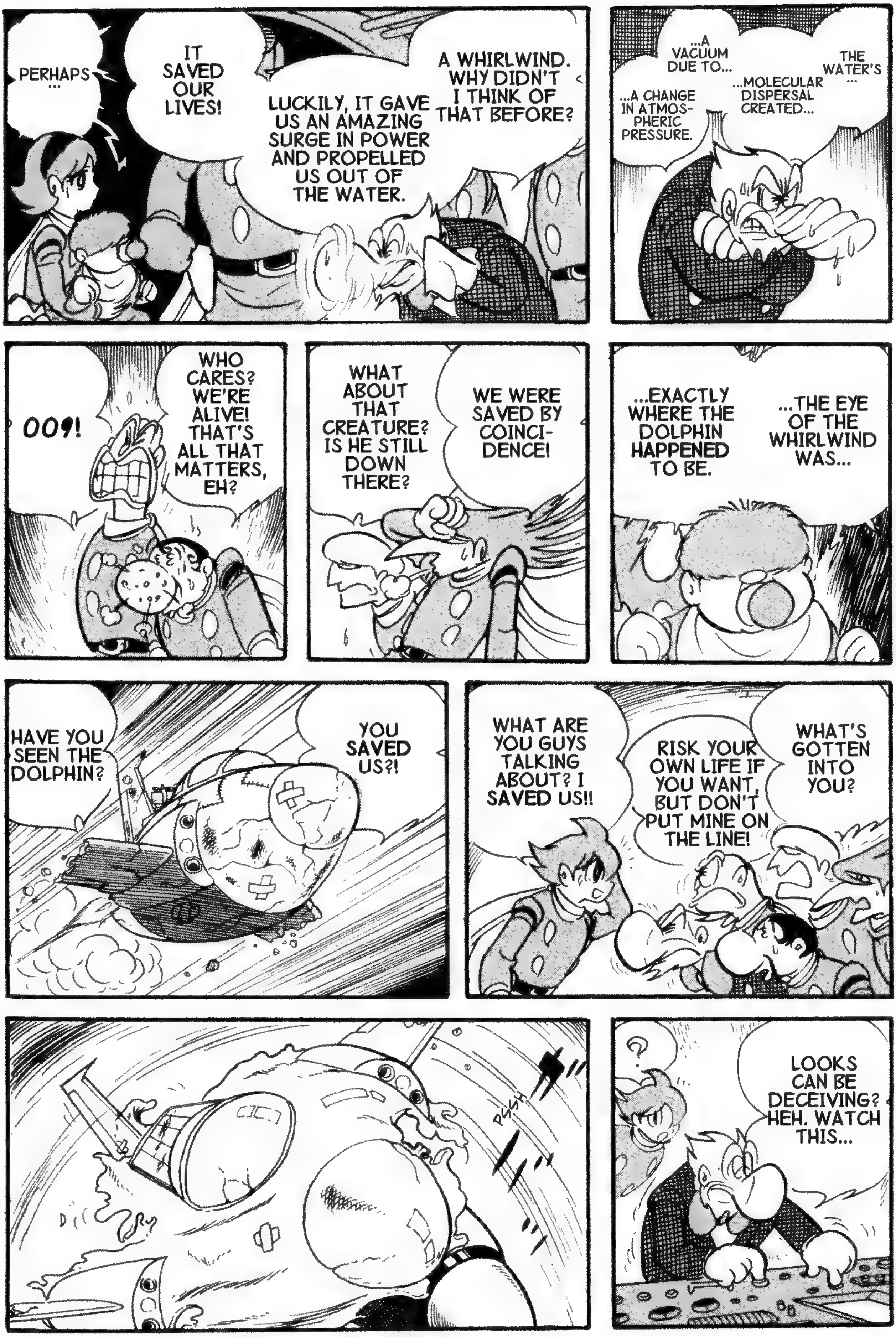

KASH
……
GYOOO
I-I-IT'S NO GOOD.
IT SPINS TOO QUICKLY TO HIT!
AAAAAH

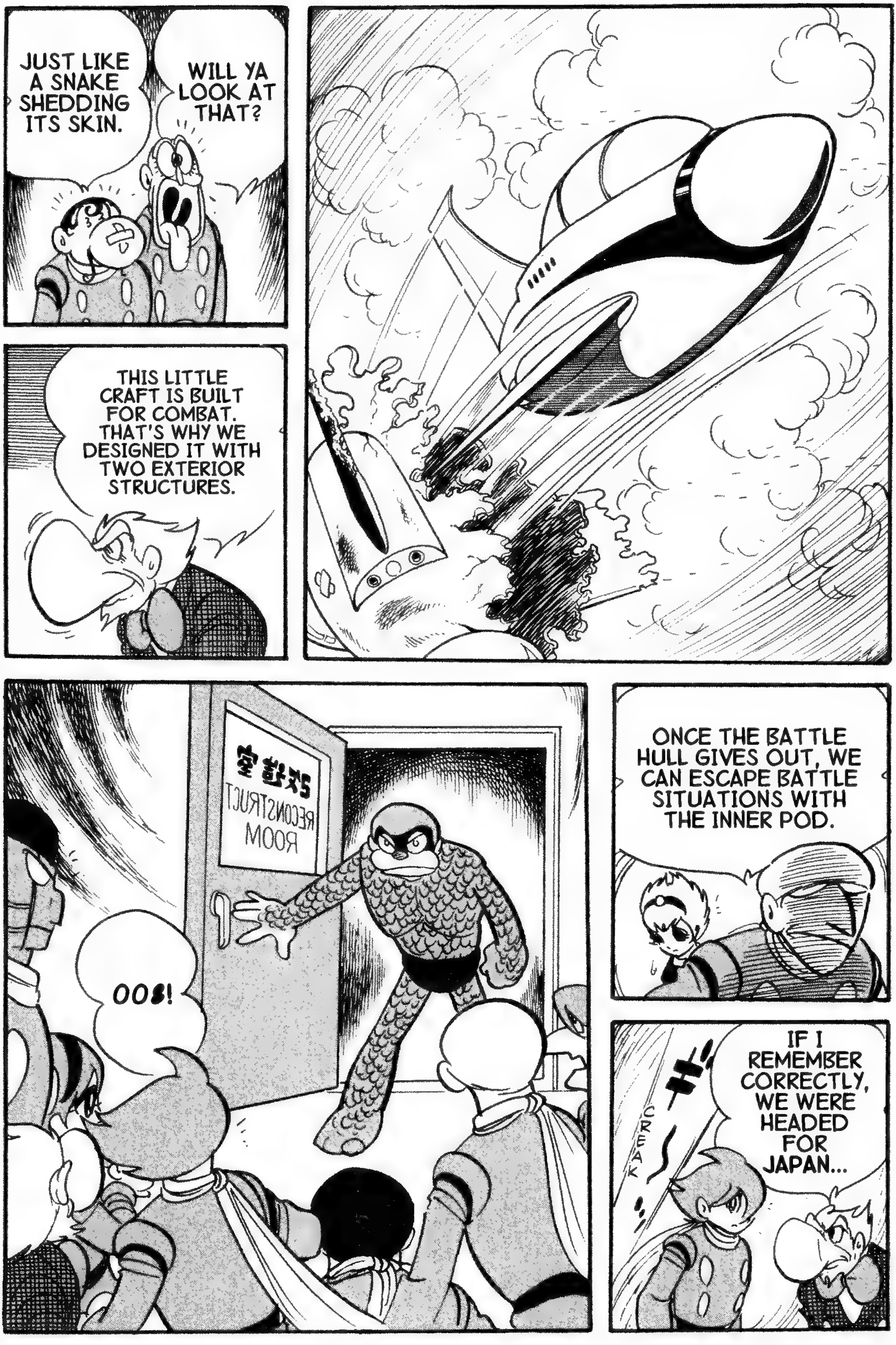

DAMN!
YANK
DON'T DO IT 009!
I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING, DOC! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!!
OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO COUNTERACT THIS CREATURE'S ULTRASONIC WAVES...
...HEAD ON WITH OUR OWN, HOPING THEY CANCEL EACH OTHER OUT!
WEE-OO
WEEE-OOO
GEEEEEEEEEEE


FWOOOOO

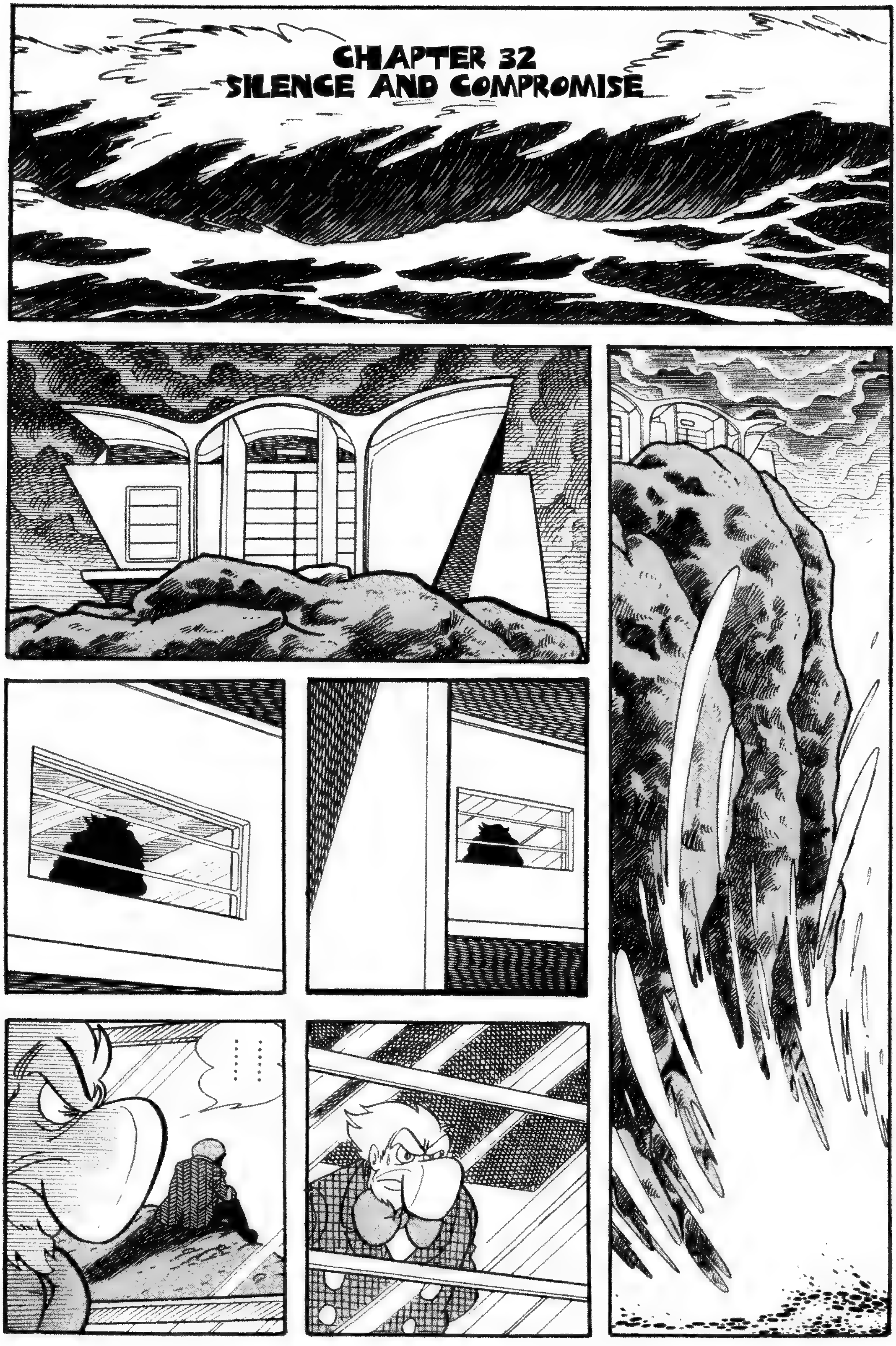

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WHAT'S...
...GOING ON?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

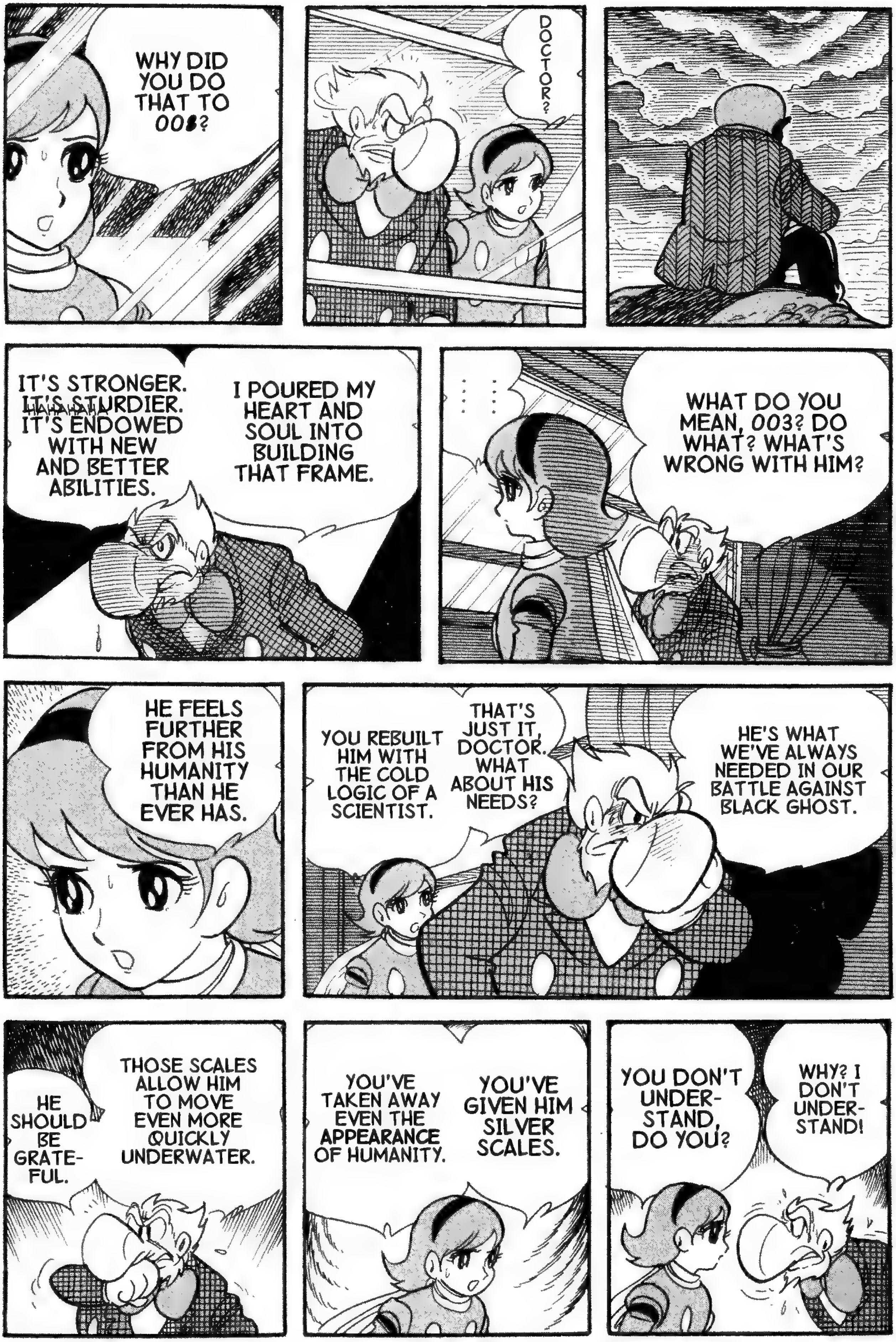

IT'S A WHIRLWIND!

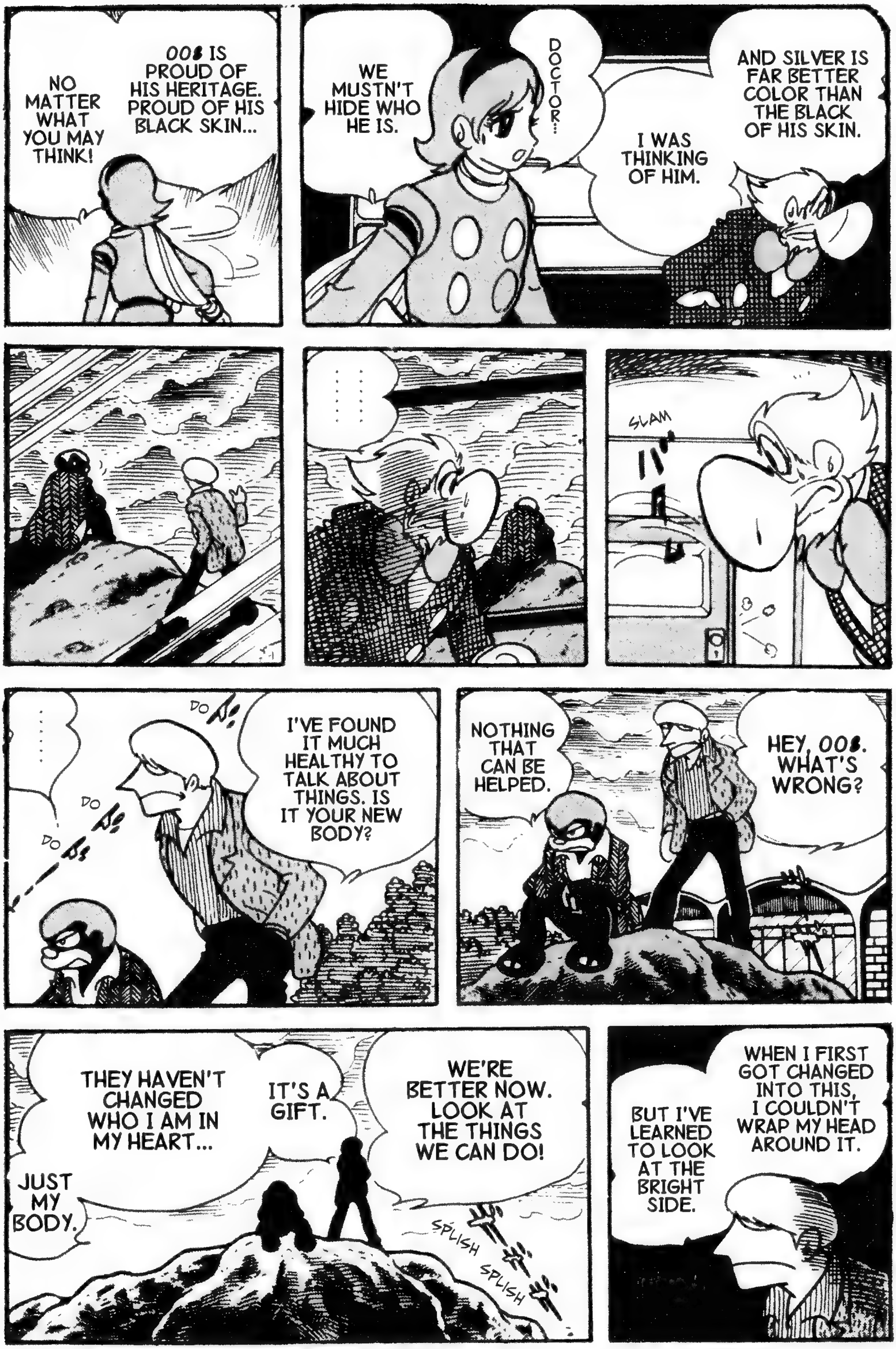

THE WATER'S...
...MOLECULAR DISPERSAL CREATED...
...A VACUUM DUE TO...
...A CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.
A WHIRLWIND. WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT BEFORE?
LUCKILY, IT GAVE US AN AMAZING SURGE IN POWER AND PROPELLED US OUT OF THE WATER.
IT SAVED OUR LIVES!
PERHAPS...
...THE EYE OF THE WHIRLWIND WAS...
...EXACTLY WHERE THE DOLPHIN HAPPENED TO BE.
WE WERE SAVED BY COINCIDENCE!
WHAT ABOUT THAT CREATURE? IS HE STILL DOWN THERE?
WHO CARES? WE'RE ALIVE! THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS, EH?
009!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
RISK YOUR OWN LIFE IF YOU WANT, BUT DON'T PUT MINE ON THE LINE!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT? I SAVED US!!
YOU SAVED US?!
HAVE YOU SEEN THE DOLPHIN?
LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING? HEH. WATCH THIS...
?
PSSH

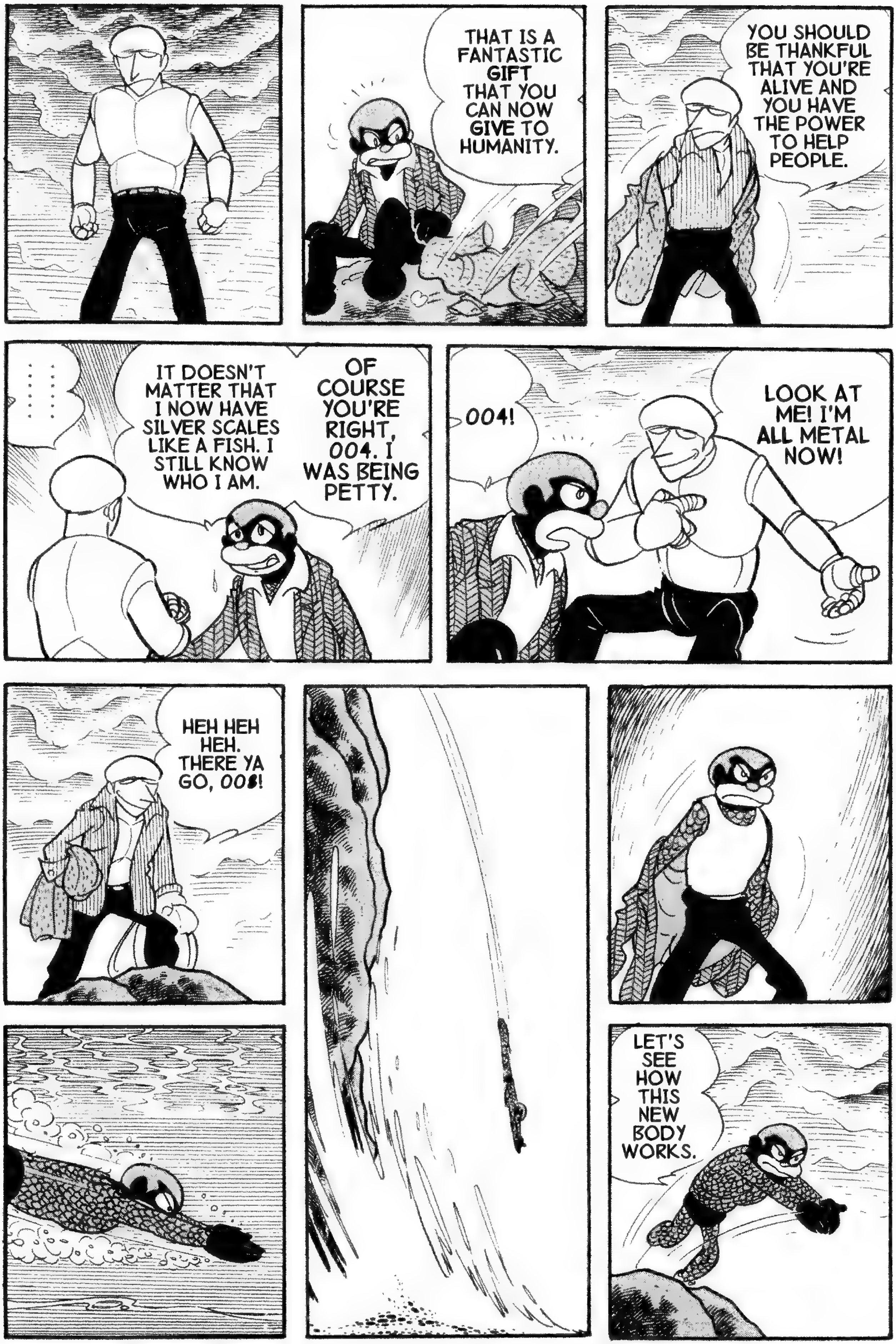

JUST LIKE A SNAKE SHEDDING ITS SKIN.
WILL YA LOOK AT THAT?
THIS LITTLE CRAFT IS BUILT FOR COMBAT. THAT'S WHY WE DESIGNED IT WITH TWO EXTERIOR STRUCTURES.
改造室
RECONSTRUCT ROOM
OOS!
ONCE THE BATTLE HULL GIVES OUT, WE CAN ESCAPE BATTLE SITUATIONS WITH THE INNER POD.
CREAK
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, WE WERE HEADED FOR JAPAN...

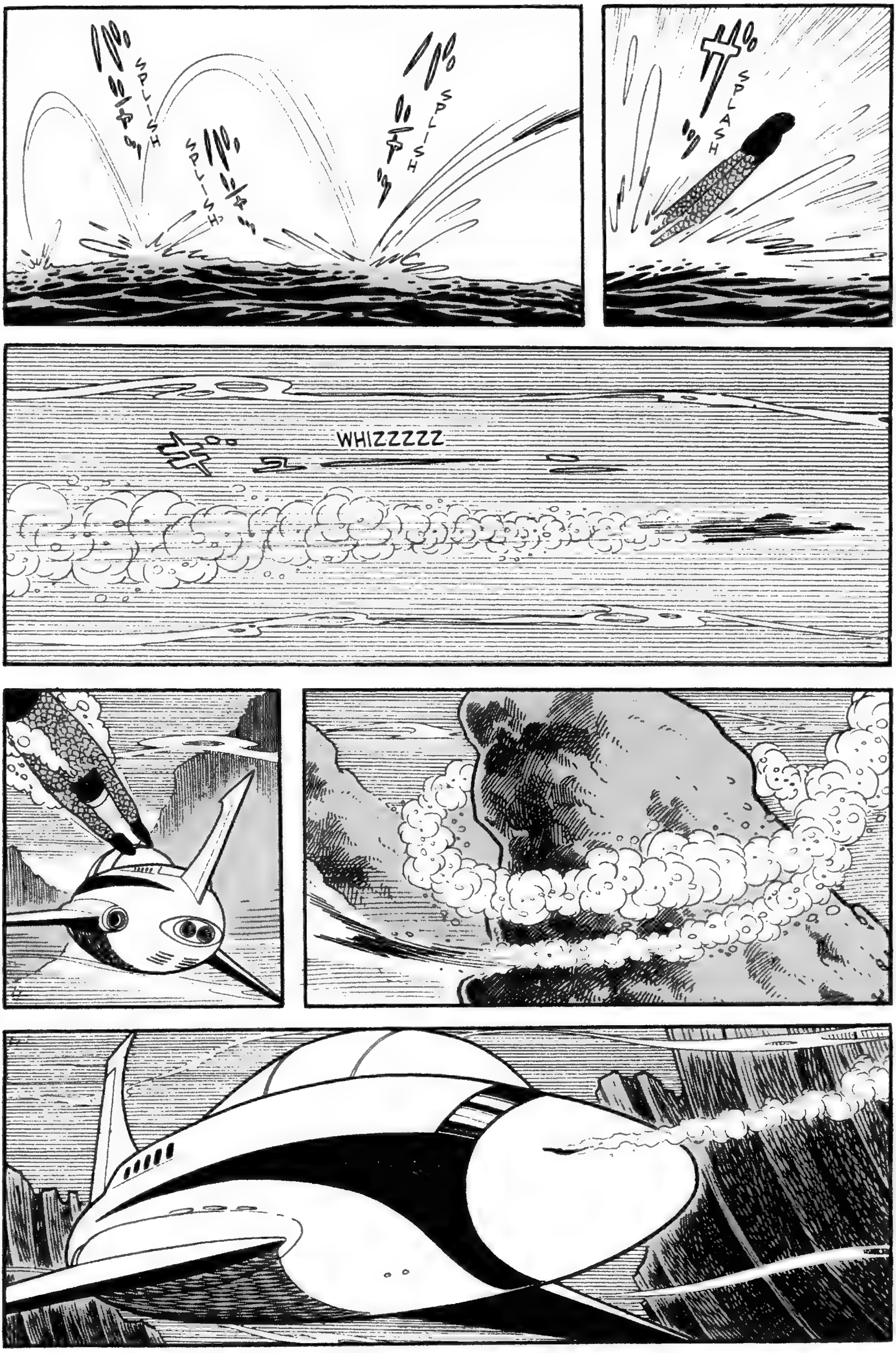
CHAPTER 32
SILENCE AND COMPROMISE

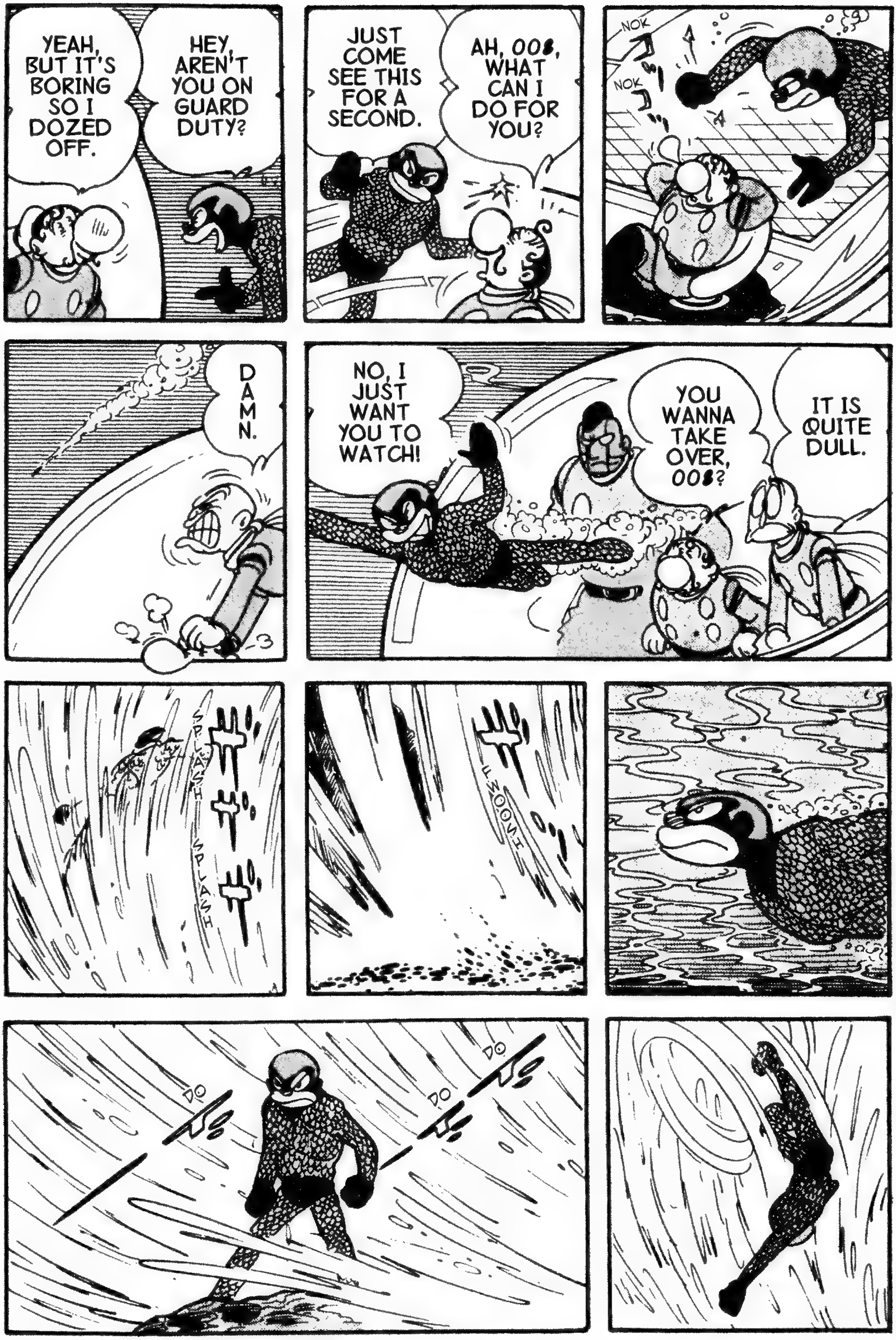


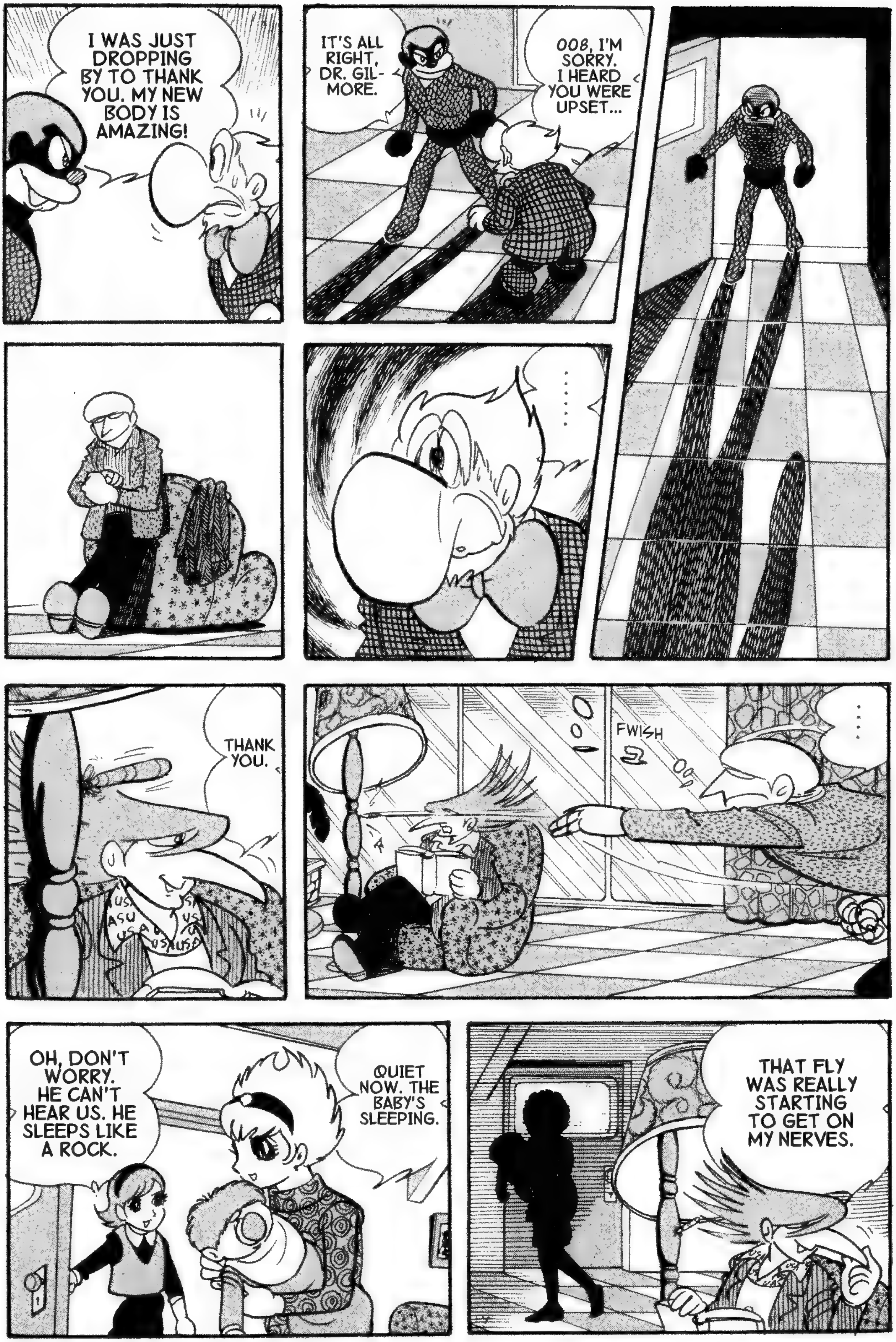

WHY DID YOU DO THAT TO 008?
DOCTOR?
I POURED MY HEART AND SOUL INTO BUILDING THAT FRAME.
IT'S STRONGER. IT'S STURDIER. IT'S ENDOWED WITH NEW AND BETTER ABILITIES.
HAHAHAHA
. . . . . .
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, 003? DO WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
HE FEELS FURTHER FROM HIS HUMANITY THAN HE EVER HAS.
HE'S WHAT WE'VE ALWAYS NEEDED IN OUR BATTLE AGAINST BLACK GHOST.
THAT'S JUST IT, DOCTOR. WHAT ABOUT HIS NEEDS?
YOU REBUILT HIM WITH THE COLD LOGIC OF A SCIENTIST.
THOSE SCALES ALLOW HIM TO MOVE EVEN MORE QUICKLY UNDERWATER.
HE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL.
YOU'VE GIVEN HIM SILVER SCALES.
YOU'VE TAKEN AWAY EVEN THE APPEARANCE OF HUMANITY.
WHY? I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, DO YOU?

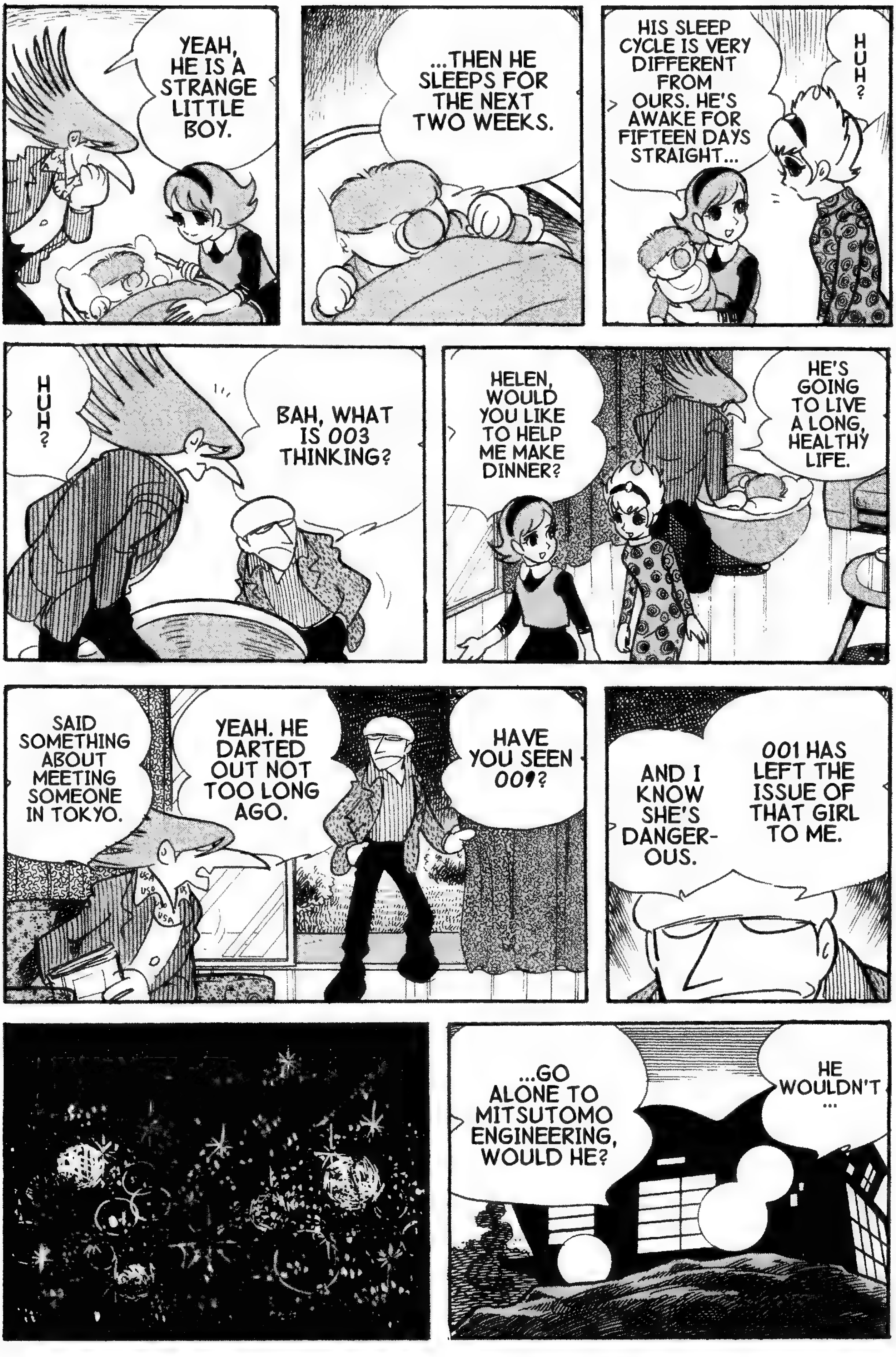

AND SILVER IS FAR BETTER COLOR THAN THE BLACK OF HIS SKIN.
I WAS THINKING OF HIM.
DOCTOR...
WE MUSTN'T HIDE WHO HE IS.
008 IS PROUD OF HIS HERITAGE. PROUD OF HIS BLACK SKIN...
NO MATTER WHAT YOU MAY THINK!
SLAM
......
HEY, 008. WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING THAT CAN BE HELPED.
DO
DO
DO
I'VE FOUND IT MUCH HEALTHY TO TALK ABOUT THINGS. IS IT YOUR NEW BODY?
......
WHEN I FIRST GOT CHANGED INTO THIS, I COULDN'T WRAP MY HEAD AROUND IT.
BUT I'VE LEARNED TO LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE.
WE'RE BETTER NOW. LOOK AT THE THINGS WE CAN DO!
IT'S A GIFT.
THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED WHO I AM IN MY HEART...
JUST MY BODY.
SPLISH
SPLISH

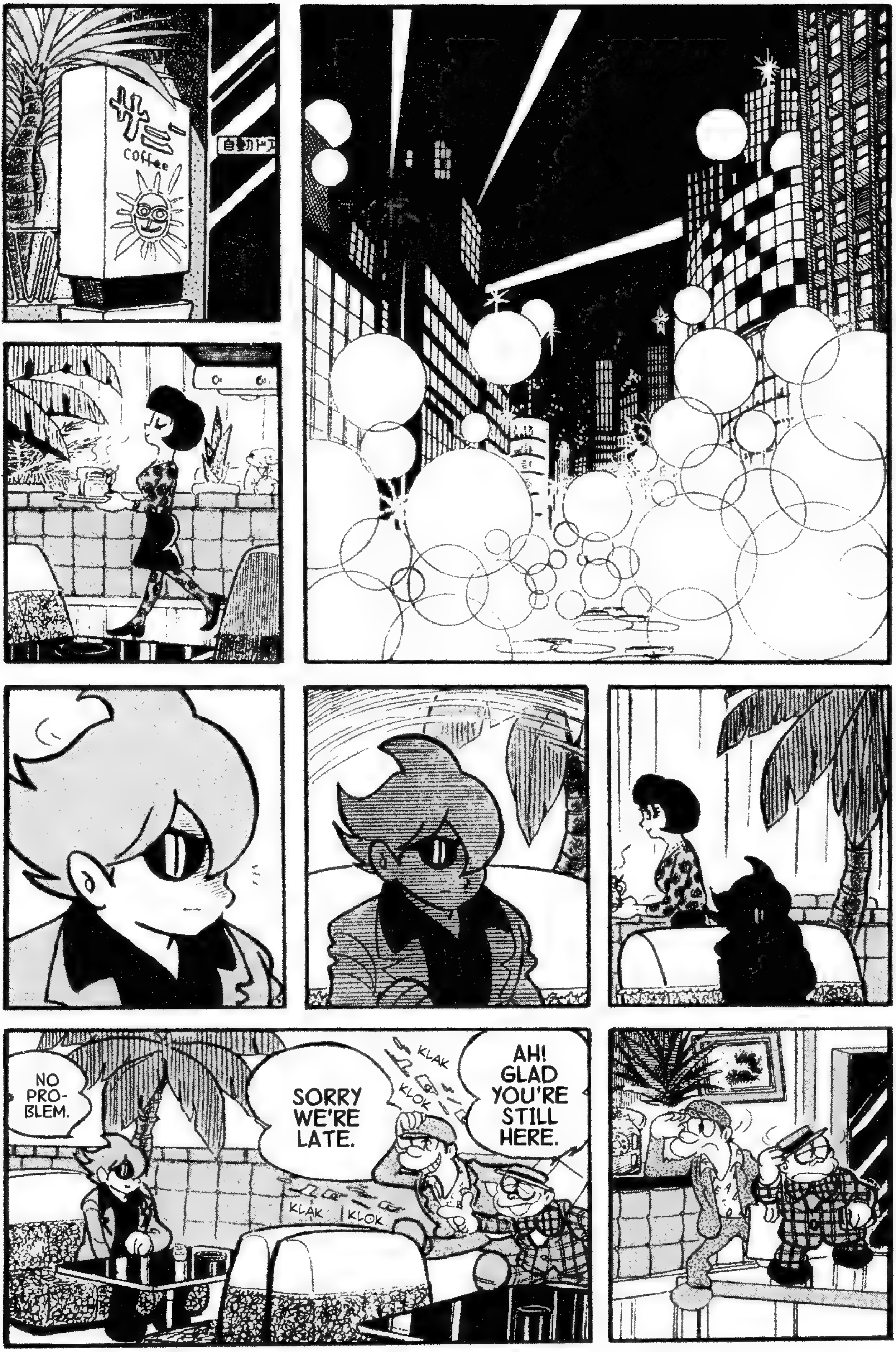

THAT IS A FANTASTIC **GIFT** THAT YOU CAN NOW **GIVE** TO HUMANITY.
YOU SHOULD BE THANKFUL THAT YOU'RE ALIVE AND YOU HAVE THE POWER TO HELP PEOPLE.
......
IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT I NOW HAVE SILVER SCALES LIKE A FISH. I STILL KNOW WHO I AM.
OF COURSE YOU'RE RIGHT, *004*. I WAS BEING PETTY.
004!
LOOK AT ME! I'M ALL METAL NOW!
HEH HEH HEH. THERE YA GO, *008*!
LET'S SEE HOW THIS NEW BODY WORKS.

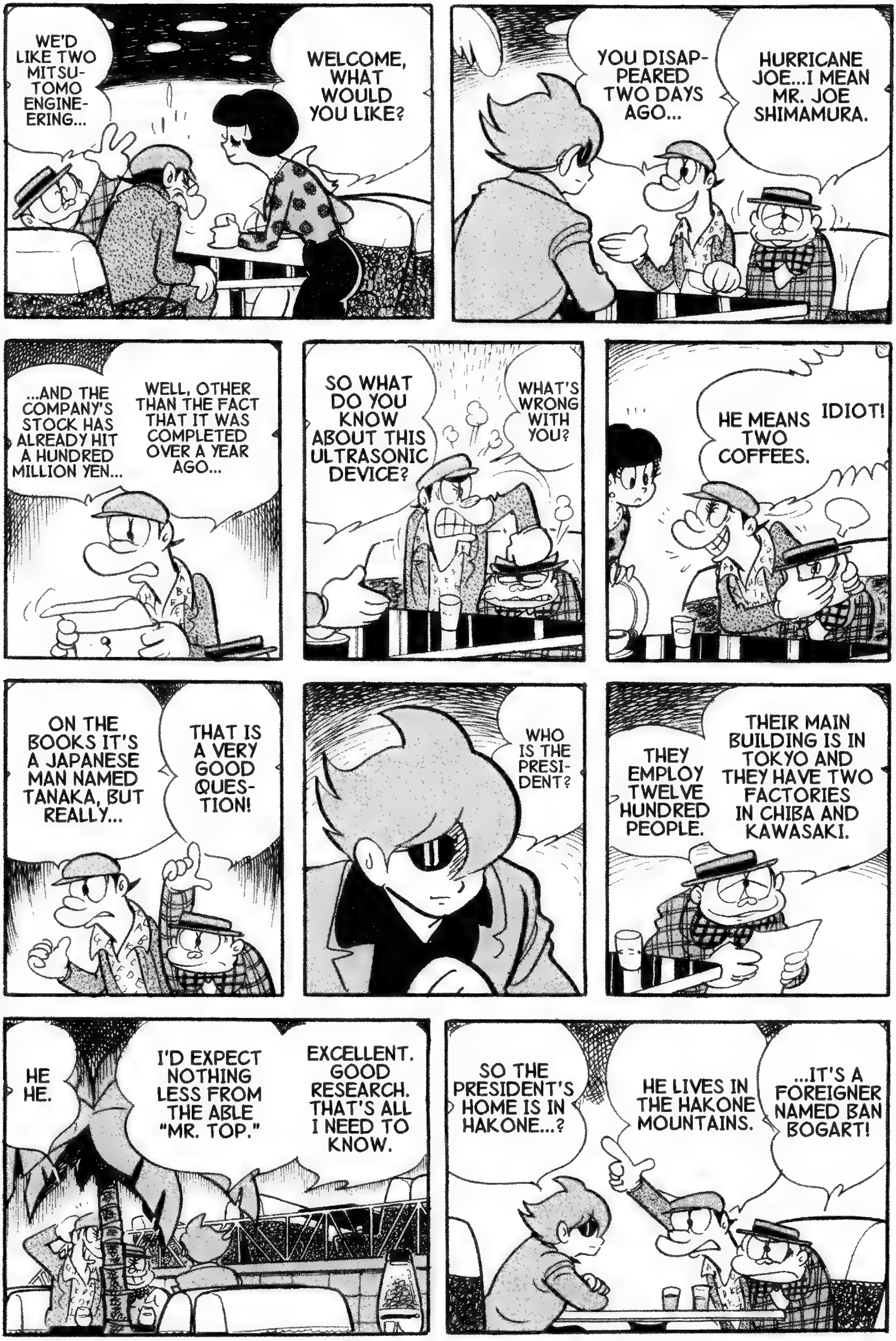

SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLISH
SPLASH
WHIZZZZZ

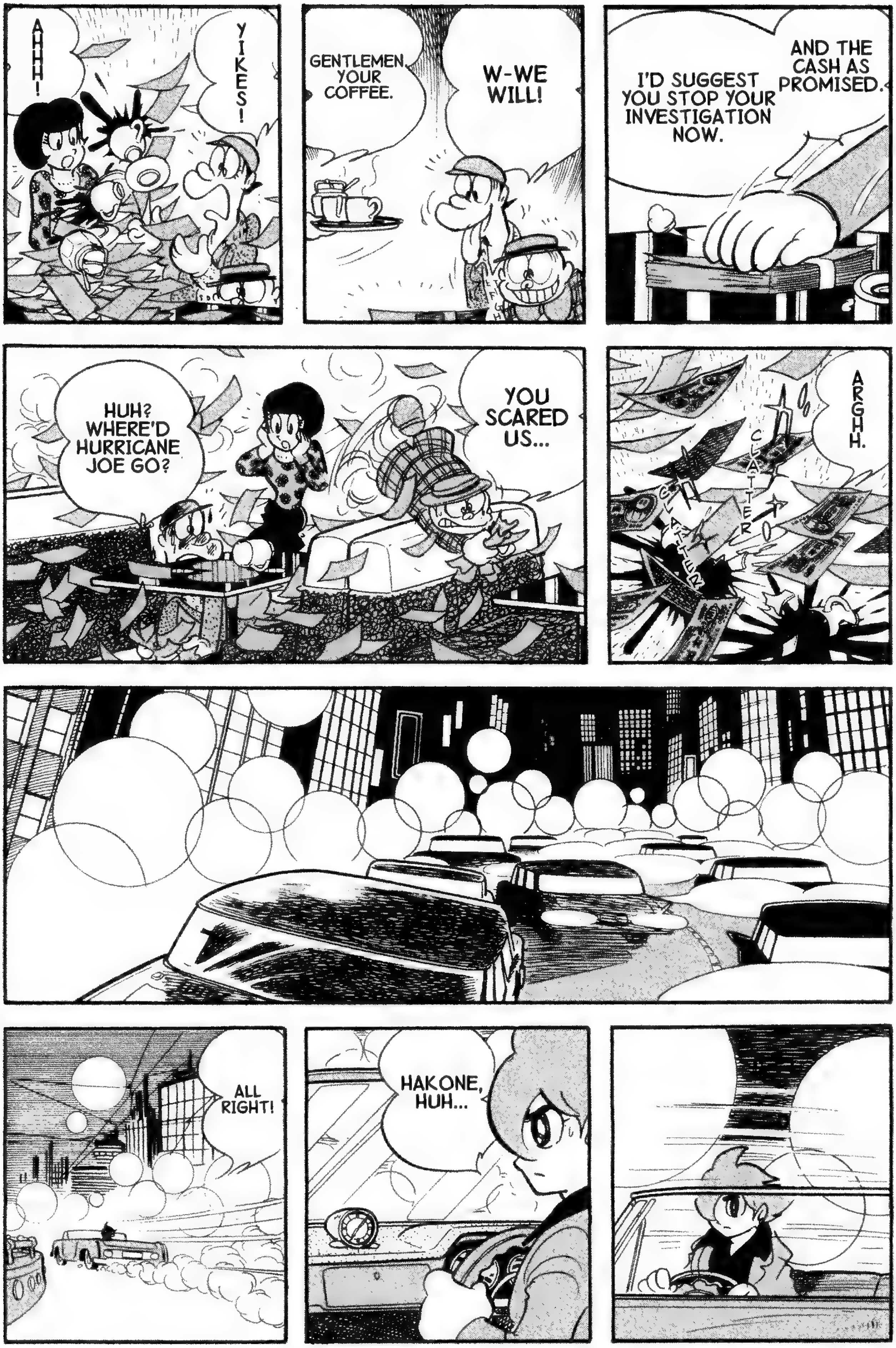

NOK
NOK
AH, 008, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
JUST COME SEE THIS FOR A SECOND.
HEY, AREN'T YOU ON GUARD DUTY?
YEAH, BUT IT'S BORING SO I DOZED OFF.
IT IS QUITE DULL.
YOU WANNA TAKE OVER, 008?
NO, I JUST WANT YOU TO WATCH!
DAMN.
FWOOSH
SPLASH SPLASH
DO
DO
DO

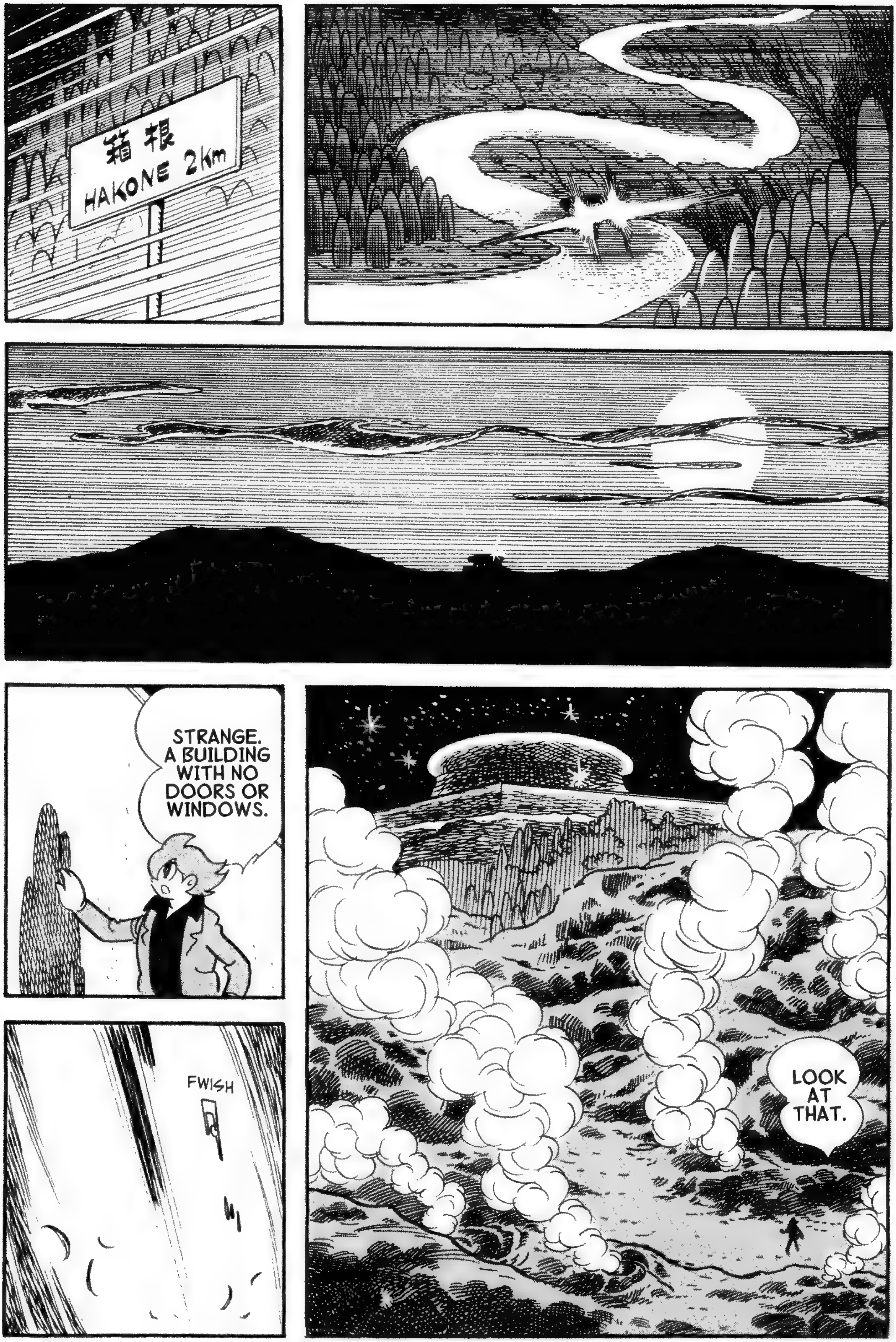

008, I'M SORRY. I HEARD YOU WERE UPSET...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, DR. GILMORE.
I WAS JUST DROPPING BY TO THANK YOU. MY NEW BODY IS AMAZING!
......
....
FWISH
THANK YOU.
THAT FLY WAS REALLY STARTING TO GET ON MY NERVES.
QUIET NOW. THE BABY'S SLEEPING.
OH, DON'T WORRY. HE CAN'T HEAR US. HE SLEEPS LIKE A ROCK.

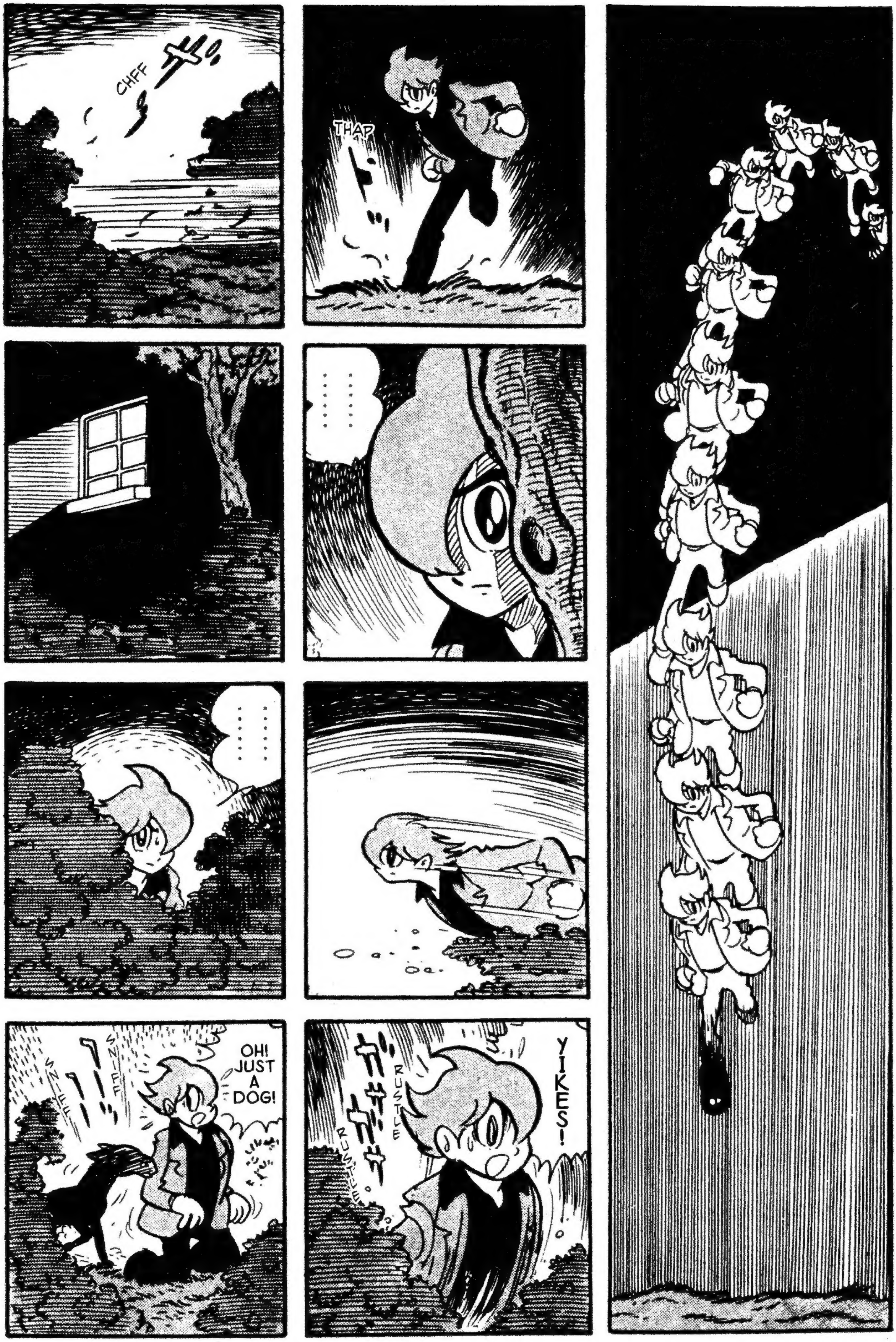

HUH?
HIS SLEEP CYCLE IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM OURS. HE'S AWAKE FOR FIFTEEN DAYS STRAIGHT...
...THEN HE SLEEPS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.
YEAH, HE IS A STRANGE LITTLE BOY.
HE'S GOING TO LIVE A LONG, HEALTHY LIFE.
HELEN, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ME MAKE DINNER?
BAH, WHAT IS 003 THINKING?
HUH?
001 HAS LEFT THE ISSUE OF THAT GIRL TO ME.
AND I KNOW SHE'S DANGEROUS.
HAVE YOU SEEN 009?
YEAH. HE DARTED OUT NOT TOO LONG AGO.
SAID SOMETHING ABOUT MEETING SOMEONE IN TOKYO.
HE WOULDN'T...
...GO ALONE TO MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING, WOULD HE?

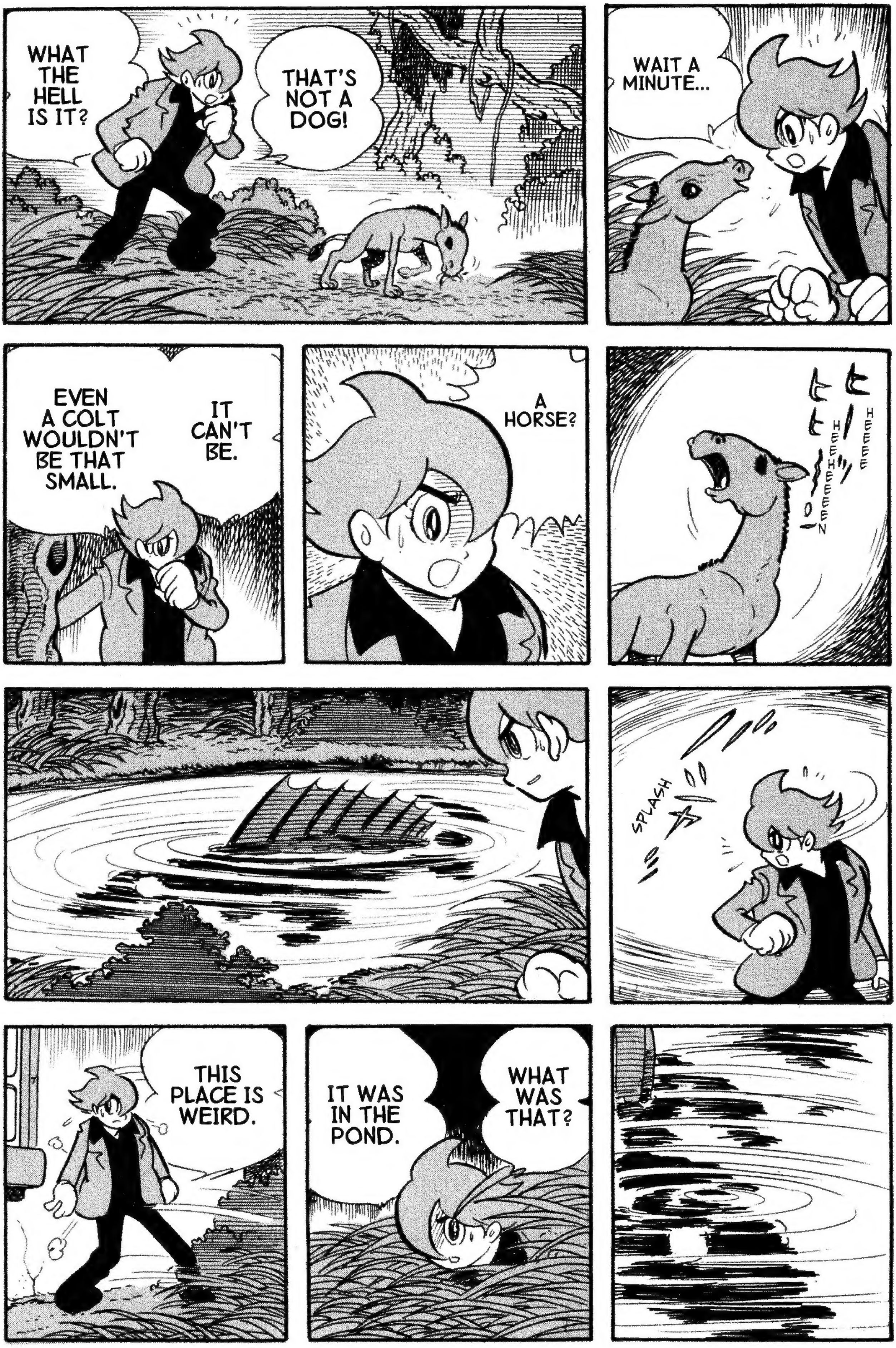

サニー
coffee
自動ドア
KLAK
KLOK
AH! GLAD YOU'RE STILL HERE.
SORRY WE'RE LATE.
NO PROBLEM.
KLAK
KLOK

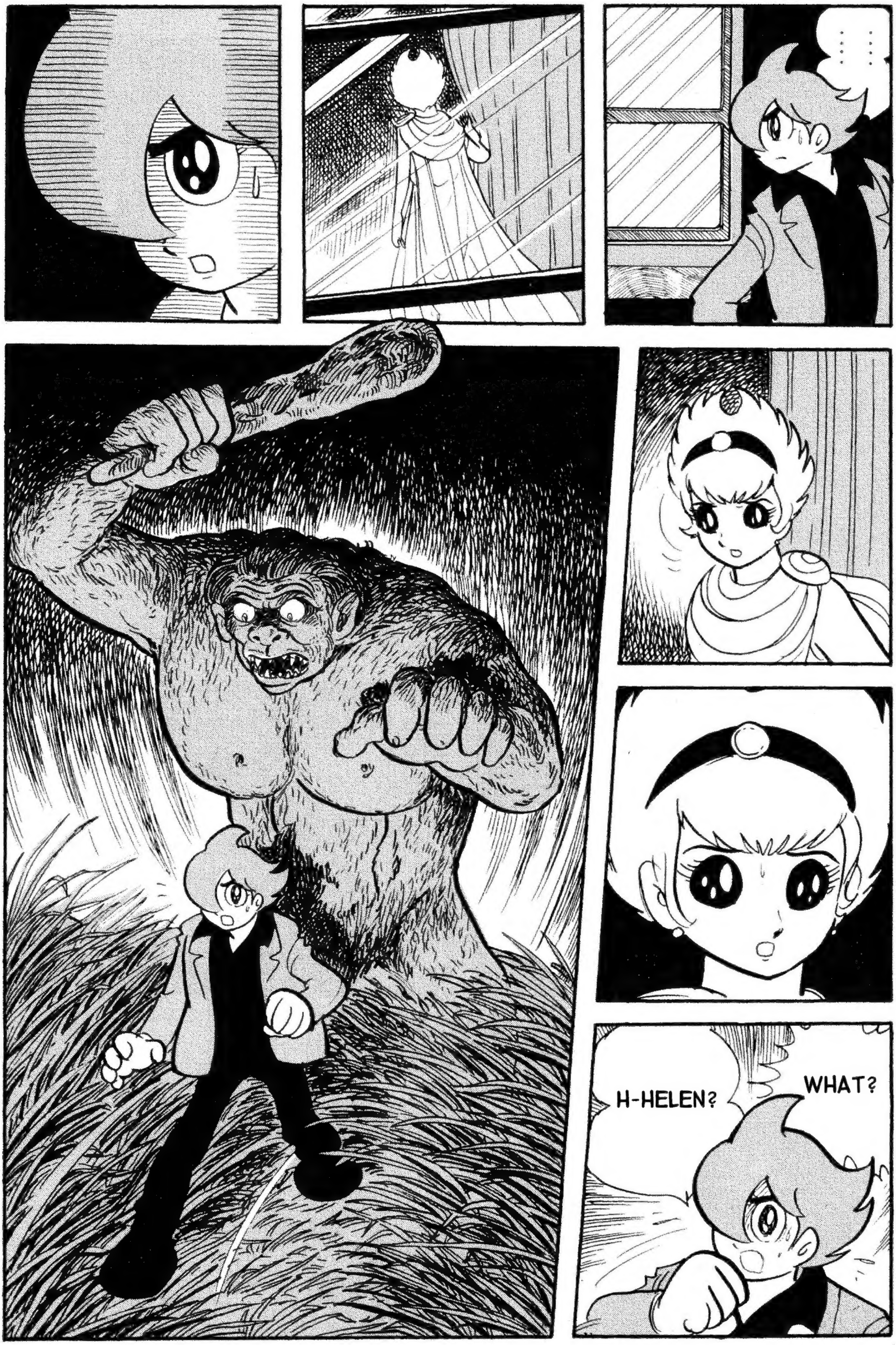

HURRICANE JOE...I MEAN MR. JOE SHIMAMURA.
YOU DISAPPEARED TWO DAYS AGO...
WELCOME, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE?
WE'D LIKE TWO MITSUTOMO ENGINEERING...
IDIOT!
HE MEANS TWO COFFEES.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
SO WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS ULTRASONIC DEVICE?
WELL, OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT IT WAS COMPLETED OVER A YEAR AGO...
...AND THE COMPANY'S STOCK HAS ALREADY HIT A HUNDRED MILLION YEN...
THEIR MAIN BUILDING IS IN TOKYO AND THEY HAVE TWO FACTORIES IN CHIBA AND KAWASAKI.
THEY EMPLOY TWELVE HUNDRED PEOPLE.
WHO IS THE PRESIDENT?
THAT IS A VERY GOOD QUESTION!
ON THE BOOKS IT'S A JAPANESE MAN NAMED TANAKA, BUT REALLY...
...IT'S A FOREIGNER NAMED BAN BOGART!
HE LIVES IN THE HAKONE MOUNTAINS.
SO THE PRESIDENT'S HOME IS IN HAKONE...?
EXCELLENT. GOOD RESEARCH. THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW.
I'D EXPECT NOTHING LESS FROM THE ABLE "MR. TOP."
HE HE.


AND THE CASH AS PROMISED.
I'D SUGGEST YOU STOP YOUR INVESTIGATION NOW.
W-WE WILL!
GENTLEMEN YOUR COFFEE.
YIKES!
AHHH!
ARGHH.
CLATTER
CLATTER
YOU SCARED US...
HUH? WHERE'D HURRICANE JOE GO?
HAKONE, HUH...
ALL RIGHT!


箱根
HAKONE 2km
STRANGE. A BUILDING WITH NO DOORS OR WINDOWS.
FWISH
LOOK AT THAT.


CHFF
THAP
……
……
SNIFF
SNIFF
OH! JUST A DOG!
ガサガサ
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
YIKES!


WAIT A MINUTE...
THAT'S NOT A DOG!
WHAT THE HELL IS IT?
ヒーッ
HEEEE
ヒヒ〜ン
HEEHEEEEN
A HORSE?
IT CAN'T BE.
EVEN A COLT WOULDN'T BE THAT SMALL.
SPLASH
WHAT WAS THAT?
IT WAS IN THE POND.
THIS PLACE IS WEIRD.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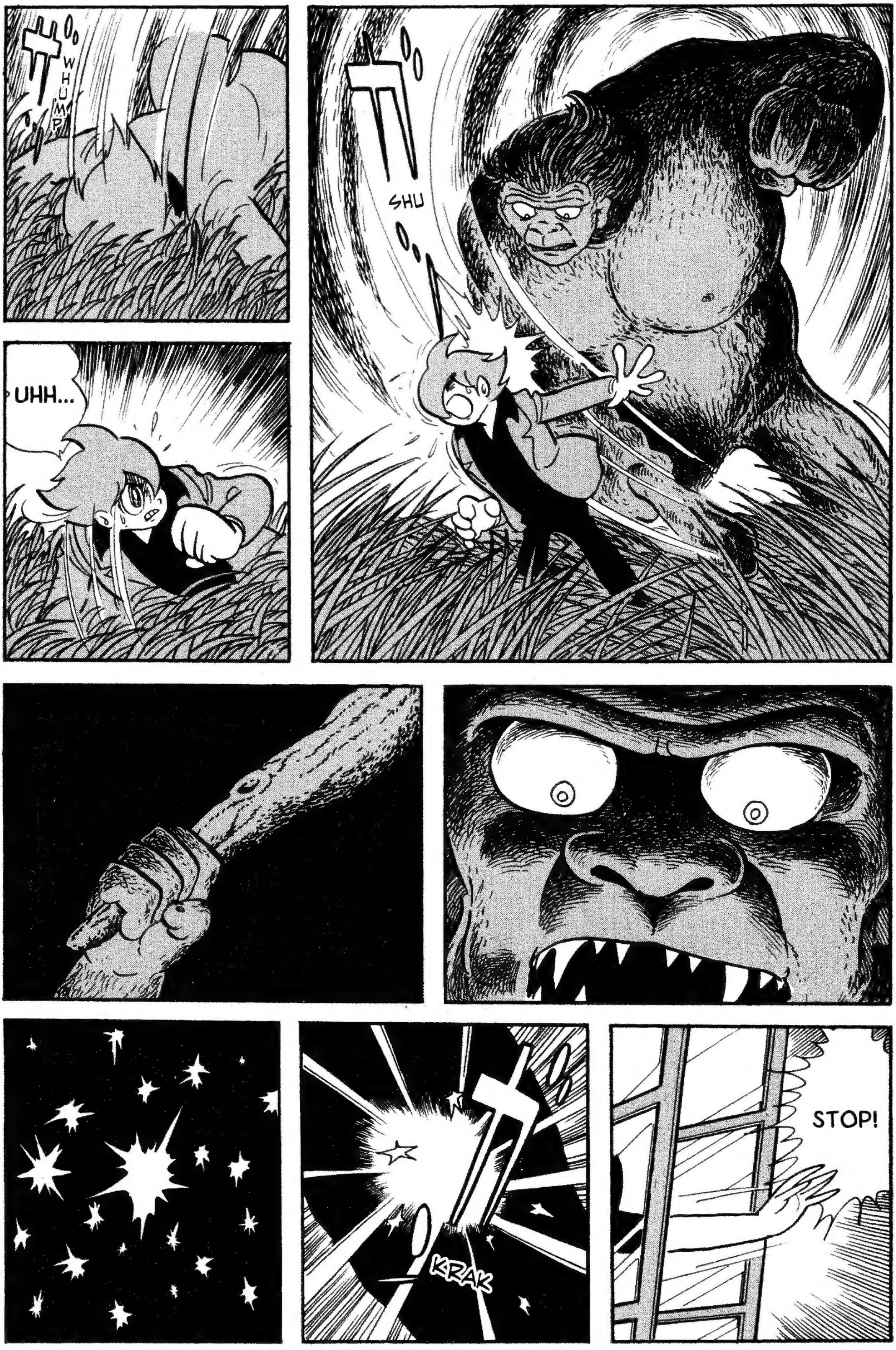
H-HELEN?
WHAT?


WHUMP
UHH...
SHU
KRAK
STOP!

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